

Chapter 13. Affine Algebras, Theta Functions, and Modular Forms.

§ 13.1

(We develop a theory of theta functions in the following general framework (keeping in mind applications to affine algebras, we use notation which is identical to that used in previous chapters)

• let $l \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and let tl_R be an $(l+2)$ -dim. v.s. over $\mathbb{R}$ with a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form $(\cdot | \cdot)$ of index $(l+1, 1)$. (that is, under a certain basis, the matrix is $\text{diag}(1, \dots, 1, -1)$)

We will identify tl_R with tl^* via this form. $\uparrow$ Since the bilinear form $(\cdot | \cdot)$ is nondegenerate, we have an isomorphism $\nu: tl \rightarrow tl^*$ defined by $\langle \nu(h), h_1 \rangle = (h | h_1)$, $h, h_1 \in tl$ and the

induced bilinear form $(\lambda | \mu) = (\nu^{-1}(\lambda) | \nu^{-1}(\mu))$, $\lambda, \mu \in tl^*$

• Fix a $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattice M in tl_R of rank l , positive-definite and integral. (i.e. $(a | b) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $a, b \in M$). Fix a vector $S \in tl_R$ s.t. $(S | S) = 0$ and $(S | M) = 0$. Then $tl_R = tl_R \oplus tl_R^+$. Note that $(\cdot | \cdot)|_{tl_R^+}$ is of index $(1, 1)$, that is there is a basis $\{u_1, u_2\}$ of tl_R^+ s.t. $(u_1 | u_1) = 1 = -(u_2 | u_2)$, $(u_1 | u_2) = 0$

• put $tl_R = R \oplus_{\mathbb{Z}} M \subset tl_R$, $tl = C \otimes_R tl_R$, $tl = C \otimes_R tl_R \subset tl$. (and extend $(\cdot | \cdot)$ to tl by linearity). For $\lambda \in tl$, we denote by $\bar{\lambda}$ the orthogonal projection of λ on tl .

let $\gamma = \{ \nu \in tl | \text{Re}(S | \nu) > 0 \}$. (the absolute convergence of $\text{ch}(\nu)$ if A is of affine type)

• For $\alpha \in tl_R$, let t_α denote the automorphism of tl defined by:

$$t_\alpha(\nu) = \nu + (\nu | S)\alpha - ((\nu | \alpha) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha | \alpha)(\nu | S))S$$

(The element of group of translations T)

Note that the automorphism t_α is characterized by the properties

a) $t_\alpha(S) = S$

b) $t_\alpha(\nu) = \nu + (\nu | S)\alpha \pmod{CS}$

c) $(\cdot | \cdot)$ is t_α -invariant.

It follows that $t_\alpha t_\beta = t_{\alpha + \beta}$.

补充说明: S 和 α_0 的定义.

$$\{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_l, \alpha_0\}$$

• For $\alpha \in tl_R$, let $p_\alpha(\nu) = \nu + \nu \text{tr} \alpha$, $\nu \in tl$. All the transformations p_α and t_β ($\alpha, \beta \in tl_R$) of tl , generate a group N , called the Heisenberg group. (两个变量和第三个变量有联系)

more explicitly, $N = tl_R \times tl_R \times i\mathbb{R}$ with multiplication:

$$(\alpha, \beta, u)(\alpha', \beta', u') = (\alpha + \alpha', \beta + \beta', u + u' + \text{tr}((\alpha | \beta') - (\alpha' | \beta)))$$

should be $\beta + \beta'$ and $\alpha + \alpha'$

① $(0, 0, 0)$ is an identity ② $(-\alpha, -\beta, -u)$ is $(\alpha, \beta, u)^{-1}$ ③ associativity law. (证明)

The action of N on tl is given by

$$(13.1.1) \quad (\alpha, \beta, u)(\nu) = t_\beta(\nu) + \text{tr} \alpha + (u - \text{tr}(\alpha | \beta))S.$$

(tl forms an N -module with respect to the action (13.1.1)).

• $(0, 0, 0)(\nu) = \nu$.

so that $(\alpha, 0, 0)(v) = v + 2\pi i \alpha = p_\alpha(v)$.

$(0, \beta, 0)(v) = \tau_\beta(v)$

$(0, 0, u)(v) = v + u\delta$.

and γ is N -invariant.

$\gamma = \{v \in H \mid \operatorname{Re}(s|v) > 0\}$, need to verify $v(\alpha, \beta, u) \in N$,

s.t. $\operatorname{Re}((\alpha, \beta, u)(v) | \delta) > 0$. since $(2\pi i \alpha | \delta) = 0$. $(\delta | \delta) = 0$.

and $(\tau_\beta(v) | \delta) = (\tau_\beta(v) | \tau_\beta(\delta)) = (v | \delta)$

we get the conclusion

denote by $N_\mathbb{R}$ the subgroup of N generated by all $(\alpha, 0, 0)$,

$(0, \beta, 0)$ with $\alpha, \beta \in M$ and $(0, 0, u)$ with $u \in 2\pi i \mathbb{Z}$.

Then $N_\mathbb{R} = \{(\alpha, \beta, u) \in N \mid \alpha, \beta \in M, u + \pi i(\alpha | \beta) \in 2\pi i \mathbb{Z}\}$

$\pi(\alpha | \beta) = 1$?

要求 $(\alpha | \beta) \in 2\mathbb{Z}$?

The Heisenberg group H , is the group of 3×3 upper triangular matrices of the form: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ under the operation of matrix multiplication:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a' & c' \\ 0 & 1 & b' \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a+a' & c'+c+ab' \\ 0 & 1 & b+b' \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and inverse are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a & ab-c \\ 0 & 1 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

§ 1.2.2.

Fix a nonnegative integer k .

A theta function of degree k is a holomorphic function F on the domain γ s.t. the following two conditions hold for all $v \in \gamma$:

$$(T1) \quad F(nv) = F(v) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$(T2) \quad F(v + as) = e^{ka} F(v) \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Let $\widetilde{Th}_k$ denote the space (over $\mathbb{C}$) of all theta functions of degree k . Then

$$\widetilde{Th} = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \widetilde{Th}_k$$

$\widetilde{Th}_s \cdot \widetilde{Th}_t \subset \widetilde{Th}_{s+t}$ by (T1), (T2)

is a graded associative $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra, called the algebra of theta functions

(In order to produce examples of theta functions,)
let $M^* = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{H}_R \mid (\lambda | \alpha) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } \alpha \in M \}$ be the lattice dual to M ; for a positive integer k , put:

$$P_k = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{H}_R \mid (\lambda | S) = k \text{ and } \bar{\lambda} \in M^* \}.$$

Given $\lambda \in P_k$, we define the classical theta function of degree k with characteristic $\bar{\lambda}$ by the series

$$(1.2.2.1) \quad \theta_\lambda = e^{-\frac{(\lambda|\lambda)}{2k} S} \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda)} \quad \text{Pr 5 (1.2.7.2)}$$

Equivalently, we take $\lambda' \equiv \lambda \pmod{CS}$ s.t. $(\lambda' | \lambda') = 0$. and let $\theta_\lambda = \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda')}$. [let $\lambda' = \lambda - \frac{(\lambda|\lambda)}{2k} S \Rightarrow (\lambda' | \lambda') = |\lambda|^2 - \frac{2(\lambda|\lambda)^2}{4k^2} = 0$] (Note that this function is exactly the one defined by (1.2.7.2) (which naturally arises in the theory of affine algebras).)

$$(1.2.7.2) \quad \theta_\lambda = e^{-\frac{(\lambda|\lambda)}{2k} S} \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda)} \quad \left(A_\lambda = \sum_{w \in W} \epsilon(w) \theta_{w(\lambda)} \right)$$

As in § 1.1, we can rewrite θ_λ in another form:

$$(1.2.2.2) \quad \theta_\lambda = e^{k\lambda_0} \sum_{r \in M + k^{-1}\bar{\lambda}} q^{\frac{1}{2}k(r|r)} e^{kr}.$$

As before, q stands for e^{-S} , and $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{H}_R$ is the unique isotropic vector s.t. $(\lambda_0 | S) = 1$ and $(\lambda_0 | M) = 0$.

$$(1.2.7.3) \quad \theta_\lambda = e^{k\lambda_0} \sum_{r \in M + k^{-1}\bar{\lambda}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}k|\lambda|^2 S + kr}$$

(it is clear that the series $(1.7.2.2)$ converges absolutely on γ to a holomorphic function; (by 1.7.8 prop 10.6 b) and Prop 11.10))

Remark: (i) θ_λ is a theta function of degree k .

$$T \cdot (T1) : \theta_\lambda(\alpha, \beta, u)(v) = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2k}} \{s | \alpha, \beta, u)(v)\} \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda) | \alpha, \beta, u)(v)}$$

where $(\alpha, \beta, u) \in N_{\mathbb{Z}}$ then by $(\alpha, \beta, u)(v) = v_\beta(v) + 2\pi i \alpha + (u - 2\pi i \alpha | \beta) \delta$.

we have $\{s | \alpha, \beta, u)(v)\} = \{s | v\}$ and

$$\{t_\alpha(\lambda) | \alpha, \beta, u)(v)\} = \{ \lambda + (\lambda | s) \alpha - () s | v + (v | s) \beta + 2\pi i \alpha + () s \}$$

$$\dots = \{t_\alpha(\lambda) | v\}$$

hence $\theta_\lambda(\alpha, \beta, u)(v) = \theta_\lambda(v)$ for all $(\alpha, \beta, u) \in N_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

$$(T2) \quad \theta_\lambda(v + a\delta) = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2k}} \{s | v + a\delta\} \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda) | v + a\delta\}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2k}} \{s | v\} \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda) | v} e^{a(\lambda | s)}$$

$$= e^{ka} \theta_\lambda(v), \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{C}, (\lambda | s) = k \text{ since } \lambda \in P_k.$$

(2) Note that

$$(1.7.2.2) \quad \theta_{\lambda + k\delta + a\delta} = \theta_\lambda \text{ for } \alpha \in M, a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$T \quad \theta_{\lambda + \delta} = e^{-\frac{|\lambda + \delta|^2}{2k}} \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda + \delta)} = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2k}} e^{-\frac{2(\lambda | \delta)}{2k}} \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda) + \delta}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{|\lambda|^2}{2k}} e^{-\delta} \cdot e^\delta \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda)} = \theta_\lambda.$$

Let $\theta_\lambda = e^{k\lambda_0} \sum_{\beta \in kM + \bar{\lambda}} g^{\frac{1}{2k}|\beta|^2} e^\beta$, then we can see $\theta_{\lambda + k\delta} = \theta_\lambda$

Choose an orthonormal basis $v_1, \dots, v_\ell$ of $\mathfrak{g}_\mathbb{R}$ and coordinate

$$\mathfrak{h} \text{ by } (1.7.2.4) \quad v = 2\pi i \left(\sum_{s=1}^{\ell} z_s v_s - \tau \lambda_0 + u\delta \right)$$

so that we shall often write (τ, z, u) , where $z = \sum_{s=1}^{\ell} z_s v_s \in \mathfrak{g}_\mathbb{R}^0$, $z_s \in \mathbb{C}$ or $\mathbb{R}$.

$\tau, u \in \mathbb{C}$, in place of $v \in \mathfrak{h}$.

Rem: (i) $\gamma = \{(\tau, z, u) | z \in \mathfrak{g}_\mathbb{R}^0; \tau, u \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Im } \tau > 0\}$

$$T \quad \text{Re}(s | v) = \text{Re}(2\pi i v(-\tau \lambda_0 + u\delta) | s) = \text{Re}(-2\pi i \tau) > 0$$

$$\text{Recall: } \gamma = \{v \in \mathfrak{h} | \text{Re}(s | v) > 0\}$$

(v) we can rewrite θ_λ in its classical form

$$(17.15) \quad \theta_\lambda(z, z, u) = e^{\pi i k u} \sum_{r \in M + k^{-1}\Lambda} e^{\pi i k r(r|z) + \pi i k(r|z)}$$

where $(r|z) = \sum_{i=1}^d r_i z_i$, $r = \sum_{i=1}^d r_i v_i$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \theta_\lambda(z, z, u) &= e^{k\pi i \left(\pi i k (z - z\lambda_0 + u) \right)} \sum_{r \in M + k^{-1}\Lambda} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} k(r|r) \delta + k r \right) \pi i (z - z\lambda_0 + u)} \\ &= e^{\pi i k u} \sum_{r \in M + k^{-1}\Lambda} e^{\frac{1}{2} k(r|r) \pi i z + \pi i k(r|z)} \\ &= e^{\pi i k u} \sum_{r \in M + k^{-1}\Lambda} e^{\pi i k r(r|z) + \pi i k(r|z)} \end{aligned}$$

Note also that in these coordinates, we have: $q = e^{-\delta} = e^{\pi i z}$.

$$\Gamma e^{\delta/2} = e^{\pi i z}$$

• Let $\mathcal{H} = \{ \tau \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im} \tau > 0 \}$ be the Poincaré upper half-plane.

Lemma 17.1. $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ is the algebra of holomorphic functions in $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$.

Proof: Recall: $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ is the space (over $\mathbb{C}$) of all theta functions of degree 0. i.e. $F(\tau + a\delta) = F(\tau)$ if $F \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$, for all $a \in \mathbb{C}$.

• Suppose that $F = f(\tau)$ is independent of z and u , and is a holomorphic function in τ . Since

$$(\alpha, \beta, u)(\tau) \equiv \tau \pmod{\mathbb{Z} + a\delta} \quad \text{for } \alpha, \beta \in M, \tau \in \mathbb{H}, u \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$\text{Thus } F((\alpha, \beta, u)(\tau)) = f(\tau) = F(\tau) \quad \text{for } \tau \in \mathbb{H}.$$

$$\text{Thus } F \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0. \quad \Gamma \tau = \pi i \left(\sum_{i=1}^d z_i v_i - z\lambda_0 + u \right)$$

• Let $F \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$. Since $F(\tau + a\delta) = F(\tau)$ for any $a \in \mathbb{C}$. Then F is independent of u . Now

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha, \beta, 0)(\pi i (z - z\lambda_0)) &= \pi i \left(\tau_\beta (z - z\lambda_0) + \alpha \right) - \pi i (\alpha | \beta) \delta \\ &= \pi i (z - z\beta + \alpha - z\lambda_0) \pmod{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

According to (T1): $F(n, \tau) = F(\tau)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we have

$$F((\alpha, \beta, 0)(\pi i (z - z\lambda_0))) = F(\pi i (z - z\beta + \alpha - z\lambda_0)) = F(\pi i (z - z\lambda_0))$$

i.e. F is periodic in z for each fixed $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$, with periods in

$M + \mathbb{Z}M$. Hence F is a holomorphic function on the compact

complex manifold $\mathbb{H}/(M + \mathbb{Z}M)$ for fixed $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$. Hence F is independent of z .

→ That is, F is purely a holomorphic function in τ .
Any holomorphic function on a compact Riemann surface is constant (Liouville's theorem)

prop 14.2. let θ_λ and θ_μ be classical theta functions of degree m and n , respectively. then.

$$\theta_\lambda \theta_\mu = \sum_{\alpha \in M \bmod (m+n)M} \theta_{\lambda+\mu+n\alpha} \psi_\alpha.$$

where $\psi_\alpha = \sum_{r \in (m+n)M} q^{|n\bar{\lambda} - m\bar{\mu} - mn(\alpha+r)|^2 / 2mn(m+n)}.$

proof: we may assume that $|\lambda|^2 = |\mu|^2 = 0$, then

$$\theta_\lambda = \sum_{\alpha \in M} e^{t_\alpha(\lambda)}, \quad \theta_\mu = \sum_{\beta \in M} e^{t_\beta(\mu)} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\theta_\lambda \theta_\mu = \sum_{\alpha, r \in M} e^{t_r(\lambda) + t_{r+\alpha}(\mu)} = \sum_{\alpha, r \in M} e^{t_{r+\alpha}(\lambda + \mu)} \quad (\text{where } r + \alpha = \beta).$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in M} q^{-\frac{|\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu)|^2}{2(m+n)}} \theta_{\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu)} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{note that: } \theta_{\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu)} = e^{\frac{|\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu)|^2}{2(m+n)}} \sum_{r \in M} e^{t_{r+\alpha}(\lambda + \mu)} \\ \& (\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu) | \delta) = m + (\mu | \delta) = mn, \quad q = e^{-\delta} \end{array} \right)$$

$$(*) = \sum_{\alpha \in M \bmod (m+n)M} \theta_{\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu)} \sum_{r \in (m+n)M} q^{-|\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu) + r|^2 / 2(m+n)} \quad (\text{by } \theta_{\lambda + k\alpha + r\delta} = \theta_\lambda \text{ (on } \mathbb{R}^2 \bmod \mathbb{Z} \delta))$$

• since $\lambda = \bar{\lambda} + m\lambda_0 - \frac{|\bar{\lambda}|^2}{2m}\delta$, $\mu = \bar{\mu} + n\mu_0 - \frac{|\bar{\mu}|^2}{2n}\delta$ by (6.2.b)

[Recall: (6.2.b) $\lambda - \bar{\lambda} = \langle \lambda, K \rangle \lambda_0 + \langle 2\lambda, K \rangle \frac{1}{2}(|\lambda|^2 - |\bar{\lambda}|^2)\delta$.]

$$\text{so } |\lambda + \mu|^2 = 2(\lambda | \mu) = 2(\bar{\lambda} | \bar{\mu}) - \frac{m|\bar{\mu}|^2}{n} - \frac{n|\bar{\lambda}|^2}{m} = -\frac{|n\bar{\lambda} - m\bar{\mu}|^2}{mn} \quad (*)$$

and $|t_\alpha(\mu)| = |\mu| = 0$, $t_\alpha(\mu) \equiv \mu + n\alpha \pmod{\mathbb{C}\delta}$ for $\alpha \in M$.

thus $\overline{t_\alpha(\mu)} = \bar{\mu} + n\alpha \Rightarrow |\lambda + t_\alpha(\mu)|^2 = \frac{|n\bar{\lambda} - m\bar{\mu} - mn(\alpha+r)|^2}{mn} \quad (*)$

hence $(*) = \sum_{\alpha \in M \bmod (m+n)M} \theta_{\lambda + \mu + n\alpha} \sum_{r \in (m+n)M} q^{|n\bar{\lambda} - m\bar{\mu} - mn(\alpha+r)|^2 / 2mn(m+n)} \quad \text{by } (*)$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in M \bmod (m+n)M} \theta_{\lambda + \mu + n\alpha} \sum_{r \in (m+n)M} q^{|n\bar{\lambda} - m\bar{\mu} - mn(\alpha+r)|^2 / 2mn(m+n)} \quad \text{by } (*)$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in M \bmod (m+n)M} \theta_{\lambda + \mu + n\alpha} \psi_\alpha.$$

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