

Math 205A, HW#8, Due Friday, March 9, 2012
Elliptic Functions

Throughout this problem set, ω_1 and ω_2 are complex numbers with $\Im(\omega_2/\omega_1) > 0$ and Ω is the lattice

$$\Omega = \{m\omega_1 + n\omega_2 : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

We set $\tau = \omega_2/\omega_1$ and denote by $\wp = \wp(z) = \wp(z, \Omega)$ the Weierstrass elliptic function. Denote by Λ the fundamental parallelogram consisting of the four line segments $[0, \omega_1]$, $[\omega_1, \omega_1 + \omega_2]$, $[\omega_1 + \omega_2, \omega_2]$, $[\omega_2, 0]$ oriented in the counter clockwise direction. And \mathbb{H} denotes the upper half-plane,

$$\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Im(z) > 0\}.$$

- Let β_1 and β_2 denote two points lying inside Λ ; thus $\beta_2 - \beta_1 \notin \Lambda$. Suppose that $f = f(z)$ is an elliptic function with two (and only two) simple poles located at $z = \beta_1$ and $z = \beta_2$ with residues α_1 and α_2 , respectively. Find an expression for $f(z)$ in terms of \wp .

Hint: Consider the function

$$\frac{A}{\wp(z - \beta) + B} + C \tag{1}$$

where A, B, C and β do not depend upon z . How should these constants be chosen so as to construct $f(z)$?

- Show that

$$\wp(2z) = -2\wp(z) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\wp''(z)}{\wp'(z)} \right)^2$$

where we assume $2z \notin \Omega$.

- If we are given the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \tag{2}$$

we can parametrize this curve by the use of trig functions; namely, if set $x = \cos z$ and $y = \sin z$ then for all complex z

$$\cos^2 z + \sin^2 z = 1.$$

Suppose instead of (2) we have the curve

$$x^3 + y^3 = 1. \tag{3}$$

Can we find functions that parametrize (3)? Show that if we set

$$x = \frac{a + b\wp'(z)}{\wp(z)} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{a - b\wp'(z)}{\wp(z)}$$

then for certain values of a and b these parametrizations satisfy (3). Find a and b in terms of g_2 and g_3 .

4. Recall that

$$G_{2k}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (m, n) \neq (0, 0)}} \frac{1}{(m + n\tau)^{2k}}, \quad k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

(a) Show that

$$G_{2k}\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) = \tau^{2k} G_{2k}(\tau), \quad \Im(\tau) > 0. \quad (4)$$

and

$$G_{2k}(\tau + 1) = G_{2k}(\tau) \quad (5)$$

(b) Using (4) and (5) show that

$$G_6(i) = 0$$

and

$$G_4(\rho) = 0$$

where $\rho = e^{2\pi i/3}$. Hint: $-\frac{1}{\rho} = \rho + 1$.

(c) Show that $G_4(1, i)$ and $G_6(1, \rho)$ are real numbers.

(d)* Show that

$$g_3(\rho) = \frac{4\pi^3}{729} \left[\frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} \right]^6 = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{3})^{18}}{(2\pi)^6} = 820.8244371 \dots$$