

# Genus One Zhu Recursion for Vertex Operator Superalgebras

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# Introduction

In this talk we will briefly outline genus one Zhu Recursion on vertex operator algebras (VOA).

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- $Y(L(-1)v, z) = \frac{d}{dz} Y(v, z)$

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- has a Fourier expansion

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n$$

where  $q = \exp(2\pi i\tau)$ . This converges for  $|q| < 1$  (i.e.  $\Im(\tau) > 0$ )



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$$E_k(\tau) = -\frac{B_k}{k!} + \frac{2}{(k-1)!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sigma_{k-1}(n) q^n$$

where  $q$  is as before,  $B_k$  is a Bernoulli number and  $\sigma_{k-1}(n)$  is the divisor function  $\sigma_{k-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^{k-1}$ .

The  $E_k$  also have an alternative series representation:

$$E_k(\tau) = -\frac{B_k}{k!} + \frac{2}{(k-1)!} \sum_{r \geq 1} \frac{r^{k-1} q^r}{1 - q^r}$$

Following on from the  $E_k$  above we define elliptic Weierstrass functions:

$$P_n(z, \tau) = \frac{1}{z^n} + \sum_{n \geq k} \binom{k-1}{n-1} E_k(\tau) z^{k-n}$$

Note that there is no contribution from the odd  $k$  cases as then the  $E_k$  are trivial forms.

# Twisted Functions

We can add additional parameters to these functions, which now become twisted Eisenstein series and elliptic functions:

$$P_n \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} (z, \tau) = \frac{1}{z^n} + (-1)^n \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \binom{k-1}{n-1} E_k \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} (\tau) z^{k-n}$$

where

$$E_k \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} (\tau) = -\frac{B_k(\lambda)}{k!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \sum_{r \geq 0} \frac{(r+\lambda)^{k-1} \theta^{-1} q^{r+\lambda}}{1 - \theta^{-1} q^{r+\lambda}} \\ + \frac{(-1)^k}{(k-1)!} \sum_{r \geq 1} \frac{(r-\lambda)^{k-1} \theta q^{r-\lambda}}{1 - \theta q^{r-\lambda}}$$

where  $\phi, \theta \in U(1)$ ,  $\phi = \exp(2\pi i \lambda)$ . Note that if we set  $\theta, \phi = 1$  then  $E_k \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} (\tau)$  becomes the classical Eisenstein series  $E_k$ .

# $n$ -point Functions for VOAs

We now define an  $n$ -point function for a VOA by:

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_V^{(1)}(v_1, z_1; \dots; v_n, z_n; \tau) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left( Y \left( q_1^{L(0)} v_1, q_1 \right) \cdots Y \left( q_n^{L(0)} v_n, q_n \right) q^{L(0) - c/24} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $q_i = \exp(z_i) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{z_i^n}{n!}$  is a formal series in  $z_i$ .



Zhu developed a recursion formula relating genus one  $n$ -point functions to  $(n - 1)$ -point functions:

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_V^{(1)}(v, z; v_1, z_1; \dots; v_n, z_n; \tau) \\ &= \text{Tr}_V \left( o(v) Y(q_1^{L(0)} v_1, q_1) \cdots Y(q_n^{L(0)} v_n, q_n) q^{L(0) - c/24} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{j \geq 0} P_{1+j}(z - z_k, \tau) \cdot Z_V^{(1)}(v_1, z_1; \dots; v[j] v_k, z_k; \dots; v_n, z_n; \tau) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $o(v) = v(wt - 1)$  and  $v[j]$  is the coefficient of  $z^{-j-1}$  in  $Y[v, z] = Y(q_z^{L(0)} v, q_z - 1)$  with  $q_z = \exp(z)$ .

The  $n$ -point function for a VOSA  $V$  is defined, then, by

$$\begin{aligned} Z_V^{(1)}(g; v_1, z_1; \dots; v_n, z_n; \tau) \\ = STr_V \left( gY \left( q_1^{L(0)} v_1, q_1 \right) \cdots Y \left( q_n^{L(0)} v_n, q_n \right) q^{L(0)-c/24} \right) \end{aligned}$$




where  $g \in Aut(V)$  and  $STr_V(A) = Tr_{V_0}(A) - Tr_{V_1}(A)$  for an operator  $A$ .

The recursion formula for a VOSA  $V$  is quite similar in structure to that of a VOA:

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_V^{(1)}(g; v, z; v_1, z_1; \dots; v_n, z_n; \tau) \\ &= \delta_{\phi,1} \delta_{\theta,1} \text{STr}_V(gv) Y(v_1, q_1) \cdots Y(v_n, q_n) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{m \geq 0} p(v, v_1 \dots v_{k-1}) \cdot P_{m+1} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} (z - z_k, \tau). \quad (2) \\ & Z_V^{(1)}(g; v_1, z_1; \dots; v[m]v_k, z_k; \dots; v_n, z_n; \tau) \end{aligned}$$

where  $gv = \theta^{-1}v$ ,  $\phi = \exp(2\pi i w \tau(v))$  and  $p(v, v_1 \dots v_{k-1}) = (-1)^{p(v)[p(v_1) + \dots + p(v_{k-1})]}$  for  $k > 1$ .

We note that for  $v, v_i \in V_{\bar{0}}$ ,  $g = 1$ , equation (2) reduces to (1).

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