## On the vanishing of and spanning sets for Poincaré series for cusp forms

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## § 0. Introduction and summary of results

**0.1.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finitely generated non-elementary Kleinian group with region of discontinuity  $\Omega = \Omega(\Gamma)$  and limit set  $\Lambda = \Lambda(\Gamma)$ . Let  $\lambda(z) |dz|$  be the Poincaré metric on  $\Omega$  (normalized to have constant negative curvature -1). Fix  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q \ge 2$ . A cusp form for  $\Gamma$  of weight (-2q) is a holomorphic function  $\varphi$  on  $\Omega$  that satisfies

$$\varphi(\gamma z)\gamma'(z)^q = \varphi(z), \quad \text{all } z \in \Omega, \text{ all } \gamma \in \Gamma,$$
 (0.1.1)

and

$$\iint_{\Omega/\Gamma} \lambda(z)^{2-q} |\varphi(z) \, dz \wedge d\bar{z}| < \infty. \tag{0.1.2}$$

Condition (0.1.2) is equivalent to

$$\sup \left\{ \lambda(z)^{-q} | \varphi(z) |; z \in \Omega \right\} < \infty. \tag{0.1.3}$$

Denote by  $A_q(\Omega, \Gamma)$  the space of cusp forms for  $\Gamma$  of weight (-2q).

If  $\infty \in \Omega$ , then for  $\varphi \in \mathbf{A}_{q}(\Omega, \Gamma)$ ,

$$\varphi(z) = O(|z|^{-2q}), \quad z \to \infty.$$

We will be studying spaces of rational functions. A rational function f will be considered to be *holomorphic at*  $\infty$  if

$$f(z) = O(|z|^{-2q}), \quad z \to \infty.$$

We will consider it to have a simple pole at  $\infty$  if

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