

20. On Certain Elliptic Conjugacy Classes of the Siegel Modular Group

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0. In this note we describe some results on the parametrization of the elliptic conjugacy classes in $\Gamma_n = \text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$, the Siegel modular group of degree n , of the elements whose minimal polynomials are irreducible over \mathbf{Q} , hence are cyclotomic polynomials $\Phi_m(X)$. Our first result (Theorem 1) shows the bijective correspondence of the conjugacy classes in Γ_n with $\Phi_m(X)$ and the isometric classes of (skew-)hermitian forms over the ring of integers of the splitting field K of $\Phi_m(X)$, which generalizes our previous result [4]. Then we study in more details the case of $\varphi(m) = 2n$, where the elements are regular. Especially, we show that the number of such conjugacy classes in Γ_n is equal to $h^-(K)$, the relative class number of K , multiplied by a power of 2 which is the number of "integral" classes in $\text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Q})$ or $\text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{R})$. This refines a result of Midorikawa [6]. In Theorem 3, we characterize the integral conjugacy classes in $\text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{R})$ in terms of their eigenvalues as an element of $U(n)$, the maximal compact subgroup. There are two proofs for our results, one of which is an application of our previous result [3]. Details will appear elsewhere.

1. Notations.

$\#(S) :=$ the cardinality of a finite set S .

$\Phi_m(X) := \prod_{d|m} (X^d - 1)^{\mu(m/d)}$, m -th cyclotomic polynomial.

$K := \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m)$, $\zeta_m = e^{2\pi i/m}$; $K_o := \mathbf{Q}(\zeta_m + \zeta_m^{-1})$.

$O_K, O_{K_o} :=$ the ring of integers of K, K_o .

$\delta = \delta(K/\mathbf{Q})$, the Different of K/\mathbf{Q} .

$t := \#\{p; \text{prime ideals in } K_o, \text{ ramified in } K/K_o\}$.

$= 1$, or 0 according as m is a prime power or not ($m \not\equiv 2, \pmod{4}$).

For a commutative ring A with 1,

$$\text{Sp}(n, A) := \left\{ g \in \text{SL}_{2n}(A); g J_n {}^t g = J_n, J_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1_n \\ 1_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$\Gamma_n := \text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$, the Siegel modular group of degree n .

$G_{\mathbf{Q}} := \text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Q})$, $G_{\mathbf{R}} := \text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{R})$.

For a subgroup H of $G_{\mathbf{R}}$,

$H(\Phi_m) := \{g \in H; g \text{ is semi-simple with minimal polynomial } \Phi_m(X)\}$.

$C_H(g) := \{x^{-1}gx; x \in H\}$, the H -conjugacy class of g .

$H(\Phi_m)/H :=$ the set of H -conjugacy classes in $H(\Phi_m)$.

2. Results. We assume, throughout this note, that $m (\not\equiv 2, \pmod{4})$ is a positive integer satisfying $2n \equiv 0 \pmod{\varphi(m)}$, where $\varphi(m) = \#\{\mathbf{Z}/m\mathbf{Z}\}^*$.