

## 207. On Dirichlet Series whose Coefficients are Class Numbers of Integral Binary Cubic Forms

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1. In this note we give a concrete example of “zeta functions associated with prehomogeneous vector spaces” introduced by Professor M. Sato.

2. We denote by  $V$  the vector space of real binary cubic forms. For every  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbf{R}^4$ , we define  $F_x \in V$  as follows:

$$F_x(u, v) = x_1 u^3 + x_2 u^2 v + x_3 u v^2 + x_4 v^3.$$

In the following, we identify  $V$  with  $\mathbf{R}^4$  by the linear isomorphism:  $x \rightarrow F_x$ .  $V$  becomes a  $GL(2, \mathbf{R})$ -module if we put

$$g \cdot F_x((u, v)) = F_x((u, v)g) = F_{g \cdot x}((u, v)) \\ (g \in GL(2, \mathbf{R})).$$

For every  $x \in V$ , we denote by  $P(x)$  the discriminant of  $F_x$ . We have

$$P(x) = x_2^2 x_3^2 + 18x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 - 4x_1 x_3^3 - 4x_2^3 x_4 - 27x_1^2 x_4^2$$

and

$$P(g \cdot x) = (\det g)^6 P(x) \quad (g \in GL(2, \mathbf{R})).$$

In the following, we put

$$\chi(g) = (\det g)^6 \quad (g \in GL(2, \mathbf{R})).$$

For every  $x, y \in V$ , we put

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_4 y_1 - \frac{1}{3} x_3 y_2 + \frac{1}{3} x_2 y_3 - x_1 y_4.$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}(V)$  the space of rapidly decreasing functions on  $V$  and define the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  of  $f \in \mathcal{S}(V)$  as follows:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \int_V e^{2\pi i \langle x, y \rangle} f(y) dy.$$

3. We denote by  $L$  the lattice of integral binary cubic forms. We have

$$L = \{F_x; x \in \mathbf{Z}^4\}.$$

Then  $L$  is invariant under the action of the  $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$ . Two elements  $x, y$  of  $L$  are said to be equivalent if there exists a  $\gamma \in SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$  such that  $x = \gamma \cdot y$ .

For every integer  $m \neq 0$ , we denote by  $L_m$  the set of integral binary cubic forms whose discriminants are  $m$ . It is known that there exist only finite number of equivalence classes in  $L_m$ . We denote by  $h(m)$  the number of equivalence classes in  $L_m$ . Let

$$x_1, \dots, x_{h(m)}$$

be the representatives of equivalence classes in  $L_m$ . When  $m < 0$ ,