

NOTE ON THE MULTIPLICATION FORMULAS FOR THE
JACOBI ELLIPTIC FUNCTIONS

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1. Introduction. For t an odd integer it is well known [4, vol. 2, p. 197] that

$$(1.1) \quad sn\,tx = \frac{sn\,x \cdot G_1^{(t)}(z)}{G_0^{(t)}(z)} \quad (z = sn^2x),$$

where

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} G_0^{(t)} &= 1 + a_{01}z + a_{02}z^2 + \cdots + a_{0t'}z^{t'}, \\ G_1^{(t)} &= t + a_{11}z + a_{12}z^2 + \cdots + a_{1t'}z^{t'} \end{aligned} \quad (t' = (t^2 - 1)/2),$$

and the a_{ij} are polynomials in $u = k^2$ with rational integral coefficients. If we define

$$\beta_m(t) = \beta_m(t, u)$$

by means of

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{sn\,tx}{t\,sn\,x} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \beta_{2m}(t) \frac{x^{2m}}{(2m)!} \quad (\beta_{2m+1}(t) = 0),$$

it follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that $t\beta_{2m}(t)$ is a polynomial in u with integral coefficients for all m and all odd t . We shall show that

$$(1.4) \quad \beta_{2m}(t) = H_m(t) - \sum_{\substack{p-1 \mid 2m \\ p \mid t}} \frac{1}{p} A_p^{2m/(p-1)}(u),$$

where $H_m(t) = H_m(t, u)$ denotes a polynomial in u with integral coefficients,

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