# Proof of a Conjecture of Farkas and Kra 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we prove a conjecture of Farkas and Kra, which is a modular equation involving a half sum of certain modular form of weight 1 for congruence subgroup $\Gamma_{1}(k)$ with any prime $k$. We prove that their conjecture holds for all odd integers $k \geq 3$. A new modular equation of Farkas and Kra type is also established.


## 1. Introduction and statement of results

In this paper, we let $z \in \mathbb{C}, \tau \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Im(\tau)>0$ and $q=e^{2 \pi \mathrm{i} \tau}$. The theta function with characteristic $\left[\begin{array}{c}\epsilon \\ \epsilon^{\prime}\end{array}\right] \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$ is defined by

$$
\theta\left[\begin{array}{c}
\epsilon  \tag{1.1}\\
\epsilon^{\prime}
\end{array}\right](z, \tau)=\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \exp \left\{2 \pi \mathrm{i}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(n+\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{2} \tau+\left(n+\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)\left(z+\frac{\epsilon^{\prime}}{2}\right)\right)\right\}
$$

which is a generalization of the Jacobi theta functions. The theory of above theta function was systematically studied by Farkas and Kra $[2$, which plays an important role in combinatorial number theory, algebraic geometry and physics.

In [2, Chapter 4], Farkas and Kra treated the theta function (1.1) with $\epsilon, \epsilon^{\prime} \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $z=0$, that is, the theta constants with rational characteristics. Their derived many interesting results, one of them is the following (see [2, Theorem 9.8, p. 318] and [3]):

Theorem 1.1. For each odd prime $k$ and all $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Im(\tau)>0$,

$$
\frac{d}{d \tau} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)}{\eta(\tau)}\right)+\frac{1}{2 \pi \mathrm{i}(k-2)} \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq(k-3) / 2}\left(\frac{\theta^{\prime}\left[\begin{array}{c}
1  \tag{1.2}\\
(1+2 \ell) / k
\end{array}\right](0, \tau)}{\theta\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
(1+2 \ell) / k
\end{array}\right](0, \tau)}\right)^{2}
$$

is a cusp 1-form (cusp form of weight 1) for the Hecke congruence subgroup $\Gamma_{0}(k)$. This form is identically zero provided $k \leq 19$. Here $\eta(\tau)=q^{1 / 24} \prod_{n \geq 1}\left(1-q^{n}\right)$ is the Dedekind eta function and

$$
\theta^{\prime}\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
(1+2 \ell) / k
\end{array}\right](0, \tau)=\left.\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \theta\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
(1+2 \ell) / k
\end{array}\right](z, \tau)\right|_{z=0}
$$

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They then in [2, Conjecture 9.10, p. 320] (see also [3]) conjectured that (1.2) is identically zero for each odd prime $k$ and all $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Im(\tau)>0$.
Remark 1.2. We remark that for odd integers $k, \ell$ with $k \geq 3$,

$$
\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \left(\theta\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
\ell / k
\end{array}\right](0, \tau)\right)\right]^{2}
$$

is a modular 1-form (modular form of wight 1) for the group:

$$
G(k)=\Gamma_{1}(k):=\left\{\left(\begin{array}{ll}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{array}\right) \in \mathrm{SL}_{2}(\mathbb{Z}):\left(\begin{array}{ll}
a & b \\
c & d
\end{array}\right) \equiv\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & * \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right)(\bmod k)\right\}
$$

This fact and more related results can be found in [2, 3].
The aim of this paper is to give a proof of the conjecture of Farkas and Kra of above. For the simplicity of the proof, we shall introduce the Jacobi theta function $\theta_{2}(z, q)$, which is defined by (see for example [4])

$$
\begin{equation*}
\theta_{2}(z, q)=\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{(2 n+1)^{2} / 8} e^{\mathrm{i}(2 n+1) z} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence it is clear that

$$
\theta\left[\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
\epsilon^{\prime}
\end{array}\right](z, \tau)=\theta_{2}\left(\pi z+\frac{\epsilon^{\prime} \pi}{2}, q\right)
$$

and the conjecture of our concern is equivalent to the following.
Conjecture 1.3. For each odd prime $k$ and all $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Im(\tau)>0$,

$$
4(k-2) q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)}{\eta(\tau)}\right)-\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\ \ell \equiv 1(\bmod 2)}}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right]^{2}=0
$$

We shall prove a more general result than Conjecture 1.3. To state our main result, we define the following half sum

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{\delta}(k):=\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right]^{2} \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for each integer $k \geq 2$ and each $\delta \in\{0,1\}$. Our main result is the following modular equations.

Theorem 1.4. For all $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\Im(\tau)>0$, we have if $\delta=0$ then

$$
S_{\delta}(k)=4(k-2) q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)}{\eta(\tau)}\right)
$$

and if $\delta=1$ then

$$
S_{\delta}(k)=4 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2 k-2}}{\eta(\tau)^{k} \eta(k \tau)^{k-2}}\right) .
$$

We immediately obtain the proof of Conjecture 1.3 by setting $k \in 2 \mathbb{Z}_{+}+1$ and $\delta=0$ in Theorem 1.4 .

Corollary 1.5. Conjecture 1.3 holds for all odd integers $k \geq 3$. In particular, Conjecture 1.3 is true.

We shall give some consequences of Theorem 1.4 For this purpose we first use Lemma 2.2 below to deduce a proposition as follows.

Proposition 1.6. We have

$$
S_{\delta}(k)=\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left[\tan \left(\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}\right)-4 \sum_{h=1}^{2 k}(-1)^{h} \sin \left(\frac{\ell h \pi}{k}\right) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{h n}}{1-q^{2 k n}}\right]^{2} .
$$

By setting $q=0$ in Theorem 1.4, applying Proposition 1.6 and (2.3) below we obtain the following trigonometric identity, which has been proved in $[2,3$ by using the theory of modular form.

Corollary 1.7. For each integer $k \geq 2$,

$$
\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left[\tan \left(\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}\right)\right]^{2}= \begin{cases}(k-1)(k-2) / 6 & \text { if } \delta=0, \\ k(k-1) / 6 & \text { if } \delta=1 .\end{cases}
$$

From Theorem 1.4. Proposition 1.6 and (2.3), by choosing different pair $(k, \delta)$ one can obtain many Lambert series identities. For example, if we set $(k, \delta)=(3,1)$, then it is easy to see

Corollary 1.8. We have

$$
\left(1+2 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{n}+q^{2 n}-q^{4 n}-q^{5 n}}{1-q^{6 n}}\right)^{2}=1+4 \sum_{n \geq 1}\left(\frac{n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}}+\frac{n q^{3 n}}{1-q^{3 n}}-\frac{8 n q^{6 n}}{1-q^{6 n}}\right) .
$$

Our proof of the main theorem is based on the series expansion (1.3) of $\theta_{2}(z, q)$ and the Jacobi triple product identity. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In the next section, we first establish some primary results for $\theta_{2}(z, q)$. In Section 3, we prove Theorem 1.4

## 2. Primaries

We shall need the following primary results, which will be used to prove main results of this paper.

Proposition 2.1. We have

$$
\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right)^{2}=\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right)
$$

where and throughout, $\mathrm{T}_{z, q}$ is a linear operator defined as

$$
\mathrm{T}_{z, q}=-8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q}-\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}}
$$

Proof. By (1.3) it is clear that

$$
\left(8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q}+\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}}\right) \theta_{2}(z, q)=0
$$

which means that

$$
\frac{1}{\theta_{2}(z, q)} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \theta_{2}(z, q)=-8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \log \theta_{2}(z, q) .
$$

Then from the basic fact that

$$
\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)=\frac{1}{\theta_{2}(z, q)} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \theta_{2}(z, q)-\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right)^{2}
$$

we complete the proof of the proposition.
We need the Jacobi triple product identity for $\theta_{2}(z, q)$ (see for example [1, 4]),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\theta_{2}(z, q)=q^{1 / 8} e^{-\mathrm{i} z} \prod_{n \geq 1}\left(1-q^{n}\right)\left(1+e^{-2 \mathrm{i} z} q^{n}\right)\left(1+e^{2 \mathrm{i} z} q^{n-1}\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Lemma 2.2. For each $\ell, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $\ell \neq k$ and $k>0$,

$$
-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)=\tan \left(\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}\right)-4 \sum_{h=1}^{2 k}(-1)^{h} \sin \left(\frac{\ell h \pi}{k}\right) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{h n}}{1-q^{2 k n}}
$$

Proof. Taking the logarithmic derivative of $\theta_{2}(z, q)$ respect to $z$ by (2.1), we have the well known Fourier expansion

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)=-\tan (z)+4 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n} q^{n}}{1-q^{n}} \sin (2 n z) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Noticing that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n} q^{n}}{1-q^{n}} \sin \left(2 n \frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}\right) & =\sum_{h=1}^{2 k} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^{h} q^{2 n k+h}}{1-q^{2 n k+h}} \sin \left(\frac{\ell h \pi}{k}\right) \\
& =\sum_{h=1}^{2 k}(-1)^{h} \sin \left(\frac{\ell h \pi}{k}\right) \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} q^{(2 n k+h) \ell}
\end{aligned}
$$

and (2.2) we immediately obtain that

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)=-\tan \left(\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}\right)+4 \sum_{h=1}^{2 k}(-1)^{h} \sin \left(\frac{\ell h \pi}{k}\right) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{h n}}{1-q^{2 k n}}
$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.
The following lemma will be used to prove Theorem 1.4 in the next section.
Lemma 2.3. For each $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$,

$$
\left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(k z, q^{k}\right)\right)\right|_{z=0}=8(k-1) q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)
$$

and

$$
\left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \left(\frac{\theta_{2}\left(k z-\pi / 2, q^{k}\right)}{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}\right)\right)\right|_{z=0}=8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\eta(k \tau)^{k-3} \eta(\tau)^{2}\right) .
$$

Proof. By (2.2) we have

$$
\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)=-\tan ^{2}(z)-1+8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n} n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}} \cos (2 n z)
$$

and

$$
\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)=-\cot ^{2}(z)-1+8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}} \cos (2 n z) .
$$

Hence we obtain that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right|_{z=0} & =-1+8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n} n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}} \\
& =-1+16 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2 n q^{2 n}}{1-q^{2 n}}-8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}}
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \left(\frac{\theta_{2}\left(k z-\pi / 2, q^{k}\right)}{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & \lim _{z \rightarrow 0}\left(\cot ^{2}(z)+1-k^{2}\left(\cot ^{2}(k z)+1\right)\right)+8 \sum_{n \geq 1}\left(\frac{k^{2} n q^{k n}}{1-q^{k n}}-\frac{n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}}\right) \\
= & \frac{1-k^{2}}{3}+8 k^{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n q^{k n}}{1-q^{k n}}-8 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n q^{n}}{1-q^{n}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using the fact that

$$
\begin{equation*}
q \frac{d}{d q} \log \eta(\alpha \tau)=\frac{\alpha}{24}-\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\alpha n q^{\alpha n}}{1-q^{\alpha n}}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{+}, \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the above we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right|_{z=0}=8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(2 \tau)^{2}}\right) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \left(\frac{\theta_{2}\left(k z-\pi / 2, q^{k}\right)}{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}\right)\right|_{z=0}=8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(k \tau)^{k}}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, by (2.1) and the definition of $\eta(\tau)$, it is easy to see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\theta_{2}(0, q)=2 \frac{\eta(2 \tau)^{2}}{\eta(\tau)} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}{z}=2 \eta(\tau)^{3} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus for integer $k \geq 1$, application of (2.4) and (2.6) imply that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(k z, q^{k}\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} & =-8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \theta_{2}\left(0, q^{k}\right)-\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \theta_{2}\left(k z, q^{k}\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
& =-8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)+k^{2}\left(-8 q^{k} \frac{d}{d q^{k}} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)}{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2}}\right)\right) \\
& =8(k-1) q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and application of 2.5 and 2.7) imply that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \left(\frac{\theta_{2}\left(k z-\pi / 2, q^{k}\right)}{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & -8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)^{3}}{\eta(\tau)^{3}}\right)-\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \log \left(\frac{\theta_{2}\left(k z-\pi / 2, q^{k}\right)}{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & -24 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)}{\eta(\tau)}\right)-8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)}{\eta(k \tau)^{k}}\right) \\
= & 8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\eta(k \tau)^{k-3} \eta(\tau)^{2}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the proof of the lemma.
We need the following half product formula for Jacobi theta function $\theta_{2}$, which will be used to prove Theorem 1.4 in the next section.

Lemma 2.4. For integer $k \geq 1$ and $\delta \in\{0,1\}$,

$$
\prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)=C_{k, \delta} \frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)} \theta_{2}\left(k z+\frac{(\delta-1) \pi}{2}, q^{k}\right),
$$

where $C_{k, \delta}=e^{\frac{\mathrm{i} \pi}{2}\left(\delta-k+\mathbf{1}_{k \neq \delta(\bmod 2))}\right)}$. Here and throughout, $\mathbf{1}_{\text {condition }}=1$ if the 'condition' is true, and equals to 0 if the 'condition' is false.

Proof. From (2.1) we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}, q\right)= & \prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left(q^{1 / 8} e^{-\mathrm{i}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi\right)} \prod_{n \geq 1}\left(1-q^{n}\right)\right) \\
& \times \prod_{\substack{n \geq 1 \\
n \geq 1}} \prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left(1+q^{n} e^{-2 \mathrm{i} z-\frac{\ell \pi \mathrm{i}}{k}}\right)\left(1+q^{n-1} e^{2 \mathrm{i} z+\frac{\ell \pi \mathrm{i}}{k}}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is easy to check that

$$
\prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left(1+x e^{ \pm \ell \pi \mathrm{i} / k}\right)=1-e^{\delta \pi \mathrm{i}} x^{k} \quad \text { and } \quad \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \ell=k(k-1)+k \mathbf{1}_{k \not \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}
$$

Thus we obtain that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)= & q^{k / 12} \eta(\tau)^{k} e^{-\mathrm{i} k z} e^{-\frac{\mathrm{i} \pi}{2}\left(k-1+\mathbf{1}_{k \neq \delta(\bmod 2)}\right)} \\
& \times \prod_{n \geq 1}\left(1-e^{-2 \mathrm{i} k z-\delta \pi \mathrm{i}} q^{k n}\right)\left(1-e^{2 \mathrm{i} k z+\delta \pi \mathrm{i}} q^{k(n-1)}\right) \\
= & C_{k, \delta} \theta_{2}\left(k z+(\delta-1) \pi / 2, q^{k}\right) \frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)}
\end{aligned}
$$

with

$$
C_{k, \delta}=e^{\frac{\mathrm{i}(\delta(\delta-1)}{2}-\frac{\mathrm{i} \pi\left(k-1+\mathbf{1}_{k \neq \delta(\bmod 2))}\right.}{2}}=e^{\frac{\mathrm{i} \pi}{2}\left(\delta-k+\mathbf{1}_{k \neq \delta(\bmod 2))}\right.},
$$

which completes the proof of the lemma.

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1.4

First of all, we define

$$
G_{\delta, k}(z, q):=\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right]^{2}
$$

then from (1.4) we have $S_{\delta}(k)=G_{\delta, k}(0, q)$. By Proposition 2.1 we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{\delta, k}(z, q) & =\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right) \\
& =\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

We shall define the auxiliary function as follows:

$$
A_{\delta, k}(z, q)=\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq 2 k \\ \ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}, q\right)-\mathbf{1}_{\delta=0} \log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\pi}{2}, q\right)\right)
$$

It is clear that $A_{\delta, k}(0, q):=\lim _{z \rightarrow 0} A_{\delta, k}(z, q)$ exists. We claim that

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{\delta, k}(0, q)=\frac{1}{2} A_{\delta, k}(0, q) . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In fact, by $\theta_{2}(z+\pi, q)=-\theta_{2}(z, q)$ and $\theta_{2}(z, q)=\theta_{2}(-z, q)$ we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{\delta, k}(z, q) & =\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}, q\right)+\log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{(2 k-\ell) \pi}{2 k}, q\right)\right) \\
& =\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)+\log \left(-\theta_{2}\left(-z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Further, by the definition of $\mathrm{T}_{z, q}$, we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \left(-\theta_{2}\left(-z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & -8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)-\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(-z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & -8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)-\left.\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & \left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right)\right)\right|_{z=0}
\end{aligned}
$$

which immediately obtain the proof of (3.1).
On the other hand, from Lemma 2.4 we find that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell \pi}{2 k}, q\right) & =\log \prod_{\substack{0 \leq \ell<2 k \\
\ell-k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)}} \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\ell}{2 k} \pi, q\right) \\
& =\log \left(C_{k, \delta} \frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)} \theta_{2}\left(k z+\frac{(\delta-1) \pi}{2}, q^{k}\right)\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

which implies that

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{\delta, k}(z, q)= & \mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(k z+\frac{(\delta-1) \pi}{2}, q^{k}\right)+\log \left(C_{k, \delta} \frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)\right) \\
& +\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\mathbf{1}_{k \equiv \delta(\bmod 2)} \log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right)-\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\mathbf{1}_{\delta=0} \log \theta_{2}\left(z+\frac{\pi}{2}, q\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Further by Lemma 2.3 we obtain that

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{0, k}(0, q)= & \left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \left(\frac{\theta_{2}\left(k z-\pi / 2, q^{k}\right)}{\theta_{2}(z-\pi / 2, q)}\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
& -8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)+\left.\mathbf{1}_{k \equiv 0(\bmod 2)} \mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & 8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\eta(k \tau)^{k-3} \eta(\tau)^{2}\right)-8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right) \\
= & 8(k-2) q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(k \tau)}{\eta(\tau)}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{1, k}(0, q)= & \left.\mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}\left(k z, q^{k}\right)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
& -8 q \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)+\left.\mathbf{1}_{k \equiv 1(\bmod 2)} \mathrm{T}_{z, q}\left(\log \theta_{2}(z, q)\right)\right|_{z=0} \\
= & 8(k-1) q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right)-8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(\tau)^{k}}{\eta(k \tau)}\right) \\
= & 8 q \frac{d}{d q} \log \left(\frac{\eta(2 k \tau)^{2 k-2}}{\eta(\tau)^{k} \eta(k \tau)^{k-2}}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.4 by noting that $S_{\delta}(k)=G_{\delta, k}(0, q)=\frac{1}{2} A_{\delta, k}(0, q)$.

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