

## Rational period functions for $\Gamma_0^+(2)$ with poles only in $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$

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**Abstract:** We extend results of Knopp in [9] to the higher level case. In precise, we characterize a rational period function  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  of which poles lie only in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We prove that the Mellin transform  $\Phi_F(s)$  of an entire modular integral  $F$  of weight  $2k$  for such a rational period function  $q(z)$  has an analytic continuation to the entire  $s$ -plane, except for possible simple poles at some rational integers, satisfies the functional equation  $\Phi_F(2k-s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi_F(s)$ , and is bounded on each “truncated strip” of the form  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq \sigma_2$  and  $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq t_0 > 0$ . We also show that the converse is true. The case for  $\Gamma_0^+(3)$  is addressed similarly.

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**1. Introduction and statement of results.** For  $p \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , let  $\Gamma_0^+(p)$  be the group generated by the congruence group  $\Gamma_0(p)$  and the Fricke involution  $W_p := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/\sqrt{p} \\ \sqrt{p} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Knopp [8,9] introduced the idea of a rational period function of an automorphic integral of weight  $2k \in 2\mathbf{Z}$  on any Fuchsian group and studied the rational period functions of a modular integral of weight  $2k$  for the modular group  $\Gamma_0^+(1) = SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$ . Since then, explicit characterizations of the rational period functions for  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  have been given in [4,5]. Recently, Choi and Kim [2,3] generalized some results given by Knopp to the rational period functions for  $\Gamma_0^+(p)$  when  $p \in \{2, 3\}$ . These rational functions  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(p)$  when  $p \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  occur in functional equations of the form

$$(1) \quad F(z+1) = F(z), \quad \text{and} \\ (\sqrt{p}z)^{-2k} F\left(-\frac{1}{pz}\right) = F(z) + q(z),$$

where  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $F$  is a meromorphic function in the upper half plane  $\mathbf{H}$  and has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$(2) \quad F(z) = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}, \quad y = \operatorname{Im} z > y_0 \geq 0$$

with some  $n_0 \in \mathbf{Z}$ . If (1) and (2) hold, then we call  $F$  a modular integral of weight  $2k$  for  $q(z)$ . In fact,  $F$  can be taken to be holomorphic in  $\mathbf{H}$ . Furthermore, if  $k > 0$ , then we can choose a modular integral  $F$

of weight  $2k$  satisfying the following: a modular integral  $F$  of weight  $2k$  has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}, \quad y = \operatorname{Im} z > 0$$

and

$$(3) \quad |F(z)| \leq K(|z|^\alpha + y^{-\beta}), \quad z \in \mathbf{H}$$

for some positive real numbers  $K, \alpha, \beta$  ([7, pp. 622–623]). Using the integral presentation of  $a_n$  and (3), we can get

$$(4) \quad a_n = O(n^\nu), \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

for some  $\nu > 0$ . A modular integral  $F$  of weight  $2k$  which is holomorphic in  $\mathbf{H}$  and has the Fourier expansion

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}, \quad y = \operatorname{Im} z > 0$$

is called an entire modular integral if  $F$  satisfies (4) or equivalently (3).

In [9, Theorems 1 and 2], Knopp showed that the finite poles of any rational period function  $q(z)$  for  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  must lie in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{n})$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ , and determined the explicit form of a rational period function  $q(z)$  for  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  with the only possible finite poles in  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Choi and Kim [3, Theorems 1.2] showed that the finite poles of any rational period function  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(p)$  must lie in  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{n})$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ .

For an entire modular integral  $F$  of weight  $2k$  for  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  with its associated rational period function  $q(z)$ , Knopp [9, Theorem 3] showed that if

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the poles of  $q(z)$  lies in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then the Mellin transform  $\Phi_F(s)$  of  $F$  has an analytic continuation to the entire  $s$ -plane, except for possible simple poles at some rational integers, satisfies the functional equation  $\Phi_F(2k-s) = (-1)^k \Phi_F(s)$ , and is bounded on each “truncated strip” of the form  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq \sigma_2$  and  $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq t_0 > 0$ . Knopp [9, Theorem 4] also showed that the converse is true.

In this paper, we investigate rational period functions  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  with the finite poles only in  $\mathbf{Q}$  to extend results of Knopp [9] on rational period functions for  $\Gamma_0^+(1) = SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  to the higher level case. More precisely, we determine the explicit formula of a rational period function  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  of which poles lie only in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$  (Theorem 1.2). We also show that if the poles of  $q(z)$  lies in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then the Mellin transform  $\Phi_F(s)$  of an entire modular integral  $F(z)$  of weight  $2k$  for such a rational period function  $q(z)$  has an analytic continuation to the entire  $s$ -plane, except for possible simple poles at some rational integers, satisfies the functional equation  $\Phi_F(2k-s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi_F(s)$ , and is bounded on each “truncated strip” of the form  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq \sigma_2$  and  $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq t_0 > 0$  (Theorem 1.4) and the converse is true (Theorem 1.5).

Since  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  is generated by  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $W_2$ , we have the following

**Proposition 1.1.** *Suppose that  $q(z)$  is a rational function for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  as in (1) for some modular integral  $F$ . Let  $U := TW_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .*

Then

$$(5) \quad q|_{2k}W_2 + q = 0$$

and

$$(6) \quad q|_{2k}U^3 + q|_{2k}U^2 + q|_{2k}U + q = 0,$$

where  $|_{2k}$  is the usual slash operator.

*Proof.* See [3, Theorem 1.3].  $\square$

It follows from [3, Theorem 1.3] that if a rational function  $q(z)$  satisfies (5) and (6), then there exists a modular integral  $F$ , which is holomorphic on  $\mathbf{H}$ , of weight  $2k$  for  $q(z)$ . In particular, when  $k > 0$ , we can construct  $F$  that is an entire modular integral of weight  $2k$  for  $q(z)$ . We now present the explicit form of  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  with poles only in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $q(z)$  be any rational period function of weight  $2k$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$ . If the poles of  $q(z)$  lie in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then*

$$(7) \quad q(z) = \begin{cases} b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k}), & \text{if } k > 1, \\ b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2}) + b_1z^{-1}, & \text{if } k = 1, \\ b_0(2^{k-1}z^{-1} + z^{-2k+1}) + p_k(z), & \text{if } k \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $b_0, b_1$  are complex numbers and  $p_k$  is a polynomial in  $z$  of degree at most  $-2k$ .

We now consider the Mellin transforms of entire modular integrals. Suppose that  $F$  is an entire modular integral of weight  $2k$  associated to some rational period function for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  and it has a Fourier expansion of the form

$$(8) \quad F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}, \quad y = \operatorname{Im} z > 0.$$

We then consider the Mellin transform:

$$(9) \quad \Phi_F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} (F(iy) - a_0) y^{s-1} dy.$$

**Proposition 1.3.** *With the assumptions and notations as above, we have the following.*

*For sufficiently large  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re}(s)$ , the Dirichlet series*

$$(10) \quad \Phi(s) = (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$$

is related to the Mellin transform  $\Phi_F$  as  $\Phi_F = \Phi$ , where  $\Gamma(s)$  is the gamma-function.

We now present the results on the Mellin transform of the corresponding entire modular integral for a rational period function  $q(z)$  for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $F$  be an entire modular integral of weight  $2k$  such that its associated rational period function for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  has poles only in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Then*

(1)  $\Phi_F(s)$  has an analytic continuation to the entire  $s$ -plane, except for possible simple poles at

$$\begin{aligned} s = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad s = 2k, & \quad \text{when } k > 1; \\ s = 0, 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2, & \quad \text{when } k = 1; \\ s = 2k - 1, 2k, \dots, 0, 1, & \quad \text{when } k \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

(2) for every case,

$$\Phi_F(2k-s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi_F(s)$$

and  $\Phi_F(s)$  is bounded in each “truncated strip” of the form  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq \sigma_2$  and  $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq t_0 > 0$ .

A converse of Theorem 1.4 is

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of complex numbers satisfying*

$$a_n = O(n^\nu), \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

for some  $\nu > 0$ . Suppose also that  $\Phi(s) = (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$  can be extended to a function meromorphic in the entire  $s$ -plane, holomorphic except possibly for simple poles at the rational integers and bounded in every truncated strip of the form  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq \sigma_2$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq t_0 > 0$ . If  $\Phi(s)$  satisfies the functional equation  $\Phi(2k-s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi(s)$  for some  $k$ , then

$$(11) \quad F(z) = F_{\Phi}(z) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$$

is an entire modular integral of weight  $2k$ , with rational period function for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  with poles only in  $\mathbf{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Here  $a_0$  is an arbitrary complex number.

**Remark 1.6.** By the same arguments in Sections 2 and 3, we can obtain similar results for entire modular integral for  $\Gamma_0^+(3)$ . By replacing  $q(z)$  and  $\Phi_F(2k-s) = (-1)^k 3^{s-k} \Phi_F(s)$  by

$$q(z) = \begin{cases} b_0(1 - (\sqrt{3}z)^{-2k}), & \text{if } k > 1, \\ b_0(1 - (\sqrt{3}z)^{-2}) + b_1 z^{-1}, & \text{if } k = 1, \\ b_0(3^{k-1} z^{-1} + z^{-2k+1}) + p_k(z), & \text{if } k \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

and  $\Phi_F(2k-s) = (-1)^k 3^{s-k} \Phi_F(s)$ , corresponding statements can be obtained.

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we prove Theorem 1.2. Section 3 is devoted to proofs of Proposition 1.3, Theorems 1.4 and 1.5. Our proof of theorems is build on the main ideas of Knopp in [9].

**2. Proof of Theorem 1.2.** (I). The case  $k > 0$ . It follows from [3, Theorem 1.2(b)] that if  $z_0$  is a finite rational pole of  $q(z)$ , then  $z_0 = 0$ . Thus we may write

$$(12) \quad q(z) = a_l z^{-l} + \cdots + a_1 z^{-1} + b_0 + b_1 z + \cdots + b_m z^m \quad (a_l \neq 0, b_m \neq 0),$$

with  $l \geq 1, m \geq 0$ . Applying (5) to  $q(z)$ , we have

$$(13) \quad -q(z) = (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k} q\left(\frac{-1}{2z}\right).$$

Comparing the lowest term in (13), we have  $l = m + 2k$ . From (5) and (6), we have

$$(14) \quad q(z) = (2z+1)^{-2k} q\left(\frac{z}{2z+1}\right) + (\sqrt{2}z + \sqrt{2})^{-2k} q\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}z + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2}z + \sqrt{2}}\right) + q(z+1).$$

Comparing the principal part at  $\infty$  in (12) and (14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 + b_1 z + \cdots + b_m z^m \\ = b_0 + b_1(z+1) + \cdots + b_m(z+1)^m, \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $m = 0$ , hence

$$(15) \quad l = 2k \text{ and } q(z) = a_l z^{-l} + \cdots + a_1 z^{-1} + b_0.$$

By applying (5) to (15) and comparing the coefficients, we have

$$(16) \quad b_0 = -\sqrt{2}^l a_l, \quad a_{l-j} (-1)^{l-j} \sqrt{2}^{l-2j} = -a_j \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq l-1 = 2k-1.$$

In particular,  $a_k = (-1)^{k+1} a_k$ , so  $a_k = 0$  if  $k$  is even.

Applying (6) to (15) leads to

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} a_{2k} (-\sqrt{2})^{2k} + \cdots + a_1 (-\sqrt{2}) (\sqrt{2}z - \sqrt{2})^{1-2k} \\ + b_0 (\sqrt{2}z - \sqrt{2})^{-2k} + a_{2k} (z-1)^{-2k} + \cdots \\ + a_1 (z-1)^{-1} (2z-1)^{1-2k} + b_0 (2z-1)^{-2k} \\ + a_{2k} \left(\sqrt{2}z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{-2k} + \cdots \\ + a_1 \left(\sqrt{2}z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{-1} (\sqrt{2}z)^{1-2k} + b_0 (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k} \\ + a_{2k} z^{-2k} + \cdots + a_1 z^{-1} + b_0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $k = 1$ , then  $q(z) = a_2 z^{-2} + a_1 z^{-1} + b_0$ . It follows from (16) that  $b_0 = -\sqrt{2}^2 a_2$ . Hence

$$q(z) = b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2}) + a_1 z^{-1}.$$

Suppose that  $k \geq 2$ . Note that from the partial fraction expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{z^N (z - \frac{1}{2})^M} &= \frac{A_1}{z} + \cdots + \frac{A_N}{z^N} \\ &+ \frac{B_1}{z - \frac{1}{2}} + \cdots + \frac{B_M}{(z - \frac{1}{2})^M}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_{N-j} = 2^{M+j} (-1)^M \binom{M+j-1}{M-1}$  ( $0 \leq j \leq N-1$ ) and  $B_{M-j} = 2^{N+j} (-1)^j \binom{N+j-1}{N-1}$  ( $0 \leq j \leq M-1$ ). By applying the partial fraction expansion to  $a_2 (\sqrt{2}z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^{-2} (\sqrt{2}z)^{2-2k}$  and  $a_1 (\sqrt{2}z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^{-1} (\sqrt{2}z)^{1-2k}$ , and the term  $a_{2k-2} z^{-2k+2}$  on the left hand side of (17), the coefficient of  $z^{-2k+2}$  is  $2^{-k+2} a_2 - 2^{2-k} a_1 + a_{2k-2}$ , which becomes 0. So by (16), we have  $a_1 = 0$ .

If  $k = 2$ , then  $a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0$  and  $b_0 = -\sqrt{2}^4 a_4$  by (16). Therefore

$$q(z) = b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-4}).$$

Suppose that  $k \geq 3$ . We now assume  $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_{j-1} = 0$  for  $2 \leq j \leq k-1$ . By applying,

again, the partial fraction expansion on the left hand side of (17), the coefficient of  $z^{-2k+j+1}$  is  $\sqrt{2}^{-2k+2j+2}(-1)^{j+1}a_{j+1} + j2^{-k+j+1}(-1)^j a_j + a_{2k-j-1}$ , which becomes 0. So by (16),  $a_{2k-j-1} + a_{j+1}(-1)^{j+1}\sqrt{2}^{-2k+2(j+1)} = 0$ , which gives  $a_j = 0$ . Consequently, we have  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{k-1} = 0$ . Note that  $a_k = 0$  if  $k$  is even.

Therefore, for  $k \geq 3$ ,  $q(z)$  has the form

$$q(z) = \begin{cases} b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k}), & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k}) + a_k z^{-k}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k})$  satisfies (5) and (6),  $q(z) = b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k}) + a_k z^{-k}$  satisfies (5) and (6) if and only if  $a_k z^{-k}$  satisfies (5) and (6). Note that  $z^{-k}$  satisfies (5) only when  $k$  is odd. We show that for odd  $k$ ,  $z^{-k}$  satisfies (5) and (6) if and only if  $k = 1$ . For  $q(z) = z^{-k}$ , the functional equation (6) says

$$\begin{aligned} & -(z-1)^{-k} + (2z-1)^{-k}(z-1)^{-k} \\ & + z^{-k}(2z-1)^{-k} + z^{-k} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and this is 0 only when  $k = 1$ .

(II). The case  $k \leq 0$ . By applying Bol's identity [1] to (5) and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (D^{-2k+1}q)|_{2-2k} W_2(z) + D^{-2k+1}q(z), \\ 0 &= (D^{-2k+1}q)|_{2-2k} U^3(z) + (D^{-2k+1}q)|_{2-2k} U^2(z) \\ &+ (D^{-2k+1}q)|_{2-2k} U(z) + D^{-2k+1}q(z), \end{aligned}$$

which imply that  $q^{(-2k+1)}(z)$  is a rational period function of weight  $2 - 2k > 0$ . Here,  $Df(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{df}{dz}$ . By part (I) of the proof,  $q^{(-2k+1)}(z) = b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{2k-2})$ , since the term  $b_1 z^{-1}$  does not occur as the derivative of a rational function. Integrating  $-2k + 1$  times, we get

$$q(z) = b'_0(2^{k-1}z^{-1} + z^{-2k+1}) + p_k(z),$$

where  $b'_0$  is a complex number and  $p_k(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq -2k$ .

### 3. Proofs of Proposition 1.3, Theorem 1.4 and Theorem 1.5.

**Proof of Proposition 1.3.** Suppose that  $F$  is an entire modular integral of weight  $2k$  having the Fourier expansion

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}, \quad y = \text{Im } z > 0.$$

Since  $a_n = O(n^\nu)$ , for sufficiently large  $\sigma = \text{Re}(s)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-2\pi n y} y^{s-1}$  converges uniformly on  $y > 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^b a_n e^{-2\pi n y} y^{s-1} dy$  converges uniformly on  $b > 0$ . Hence, we can integrate term by

term to have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_F(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-2\pi n y} y^{s-1} dy \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2\pi n y} y^{s-1} dy \\ &= (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s} = \Phi(s). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proof of Theorem 1.4.** For large  $\sigma = \text{Re}(s)$ , we may then write

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) &= \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} (F(yi) - a_0) y^{s-1} dy \\ &+ \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} (F(iy) - a_0) y^{s-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k} F(-\frac{1}{2z}) = F(z) + q(z)$ , we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} (F(yi) - a_0) y^{s-1} dy \\ &= 2^{-s} \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} \left( F\left(-\frac{1}{2\alpha i}\right) - a_0 \right) \alpha^{-s-1} d\alpha \\ &= 2^{-s} \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} ((\sqrt{2}yi)^{2k} (F(yi) + q(yi)) - a_0) y^{-s-1} dy \\ &= (-1)^k 2^{k-s} \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} (F(yi) - a_0) y^{2k-s-1} dy \\ &+ \frac{(-1)^k 2^{-\frac{s}{2}} a_0}{s-2k} - \frac{2^{-\frac{s}{2}} a_0}{s} \\ &+ (-1)^k 2^{k-s} \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} q(yi) y^{2k-s-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) &= D_1(s) + (-1)^k 2^{k-s} D_2(s) \\ &+ 2^{-\frac{s}{2}} a_0 \left( \frac{(-1)^k}{s-2k} - \frac{1}{s} \right) + (-1)^k 2^{k-s} E(s), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_1(s) &= \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} (F(yi) - a_0) y^{s-1} dy, \\ D_2(s) &= \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} (F(yi) - a_0) y^{2k-s-1} dy, \\ E(s) &= \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} q(yi) y^{2k-s-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F(z) - a_0$  vanishes exponentially as  $z \rightarrow i\infty$ ,  $D_1(s)$  and  $D_2(s)$  are entire functions of  $s$ . We note that  $D_1(2k - s) = D_2(s)$  and  $D_2(2k - s) = D_1(s)$ . We now investigate the function  $E(s)$ . Note that  $q(z)$  has the form  $q(z) = \sum_{n=-L}^N \alpha_n z^n$ , and it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E(s) &= \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-L}^N \alpha_n (iy)^n y^{2k-s-1} dy \\ &= \sum_{n=-L}^N \alpha_n i^n \frac{2^{\frac{s-2k-n}{2}}}{s-2k-n} \\ &\text{so long as } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 2k + N. \end{aligned}$$

We now consider  $E(s)$  for the three cases  $k > 1$ ,  $k = 1$ , and  $k \leq 0$ .

(I) Let  $k > 1$ . Then  $q(z) = b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k})$ , and hence

$$E(s) = b_0 2^{-k+\frac{s}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{s-2k} - \frac{(-1)^k}{s} \right).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) &= D_1(s) + (-1)^k 2^{k-s} D_2(s) \\ &\quad + 2^{-\frac{s}{2}} (a_0 + b_0) \left( \frac{(-1)^k}{s-2k} - \frac{1}{s} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\Phi(s)$  has been extended analytically to the entire  $s$ -plane, with possible simple poles at  $s = 0, 2k$ . Moreover,  $\Phi(2k - s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi(s)$ .

(II) Suppose  $k = 1$ . Then  $q(z) = b_0(1 - (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2}) + b_1 z^{-1}$ , and hence

$$E(s) = b_0 2^{-1+\frac{s}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s} \right) - \frac{b_1 i 2^{\frac{s-1}{2}}}{s-1}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) &= D_1(s) - 2^{1-s} D_2(s) \\ &\quad - 2^{-\frac{s}{2}} (a_0 + b_0) \left( \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{i 2^{\frac{1-s}{2}} b_1}{s-1} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\Phi(s)$  has been extended analytically to the entire  $s$ -plane, with possible simple poles at  $s = 0, 1$  and  $2$ . Furthermore,  $\Phi(2 - s) = -2^{s-1} \Phi(s)$ .

(III) Let  $k \leq 0$ . Then  $q(z) = b_0(2^{k-1} z^{-1} + z^{-2k+1}) + \sum_{n=0}^{-2k} c_n z^n$  with  $c_n \in \mathbf{C}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} E(s) &= -\frac{i 2^{\frac{s-1}{2}} b_0}{s-2k+1} + \frac{i(-1)^k 2^{\frac{s-1}{2}} b_0}{s-1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{-2k} \frac{i^n 2^{\frac{s-n-2k}{2}} c_n}{s-2k-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(s) &= D_1(s) + (-1)^k 2^{k-s} D_2(s) \\ &\quad + 2^{-\frac{s}{2}} a_0 \left( \frac{(-1)^k}{s-2k} - \frac{1}{s} \right) \\ &\quad + 2^{k-\frac{s+1}{2}} i b_0 \left( \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{s-2k+1} + \frac{1}{s-1} \right) \\ &\quad + (-1)^k \sum_{n=0}^{-2k} \frac{i^n 2^{\frac{-s-n}{2}} c_n}{s-2k-n} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\Phi_F(s)$  has an analytic continuation to the entire  $s$ -plane, except for possible simple poles at  $s = 2k - 1, 2k, \dots, 0, 1$ . Note that the functional equation (5) implies that

$$(18) \quad c_{-n-2k} = (-1)^{n+1} 2^{-k-n} c_n \quad (0 \leq n \leq -2k).$$

Furthermore, it follows from (18) that  $\Phi(2k - s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi(s)$ .

Since  $F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$  ( $y = \operatorname{Im} z > 0$ ) with  $a_n = O(n^\nu)$ , the functions  $D_1(s)$  and  $D_2(s)$  are bounded in every truncated strip of the form  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re}(s) \leq \sigma_2$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im}(s)| \geq t_0 > 0$ . Also, we note that rational functions  $1/s$ ,  $1/(s-2k)$ , and  $E(s)$  are also bounded in the truncated strip. Thus,  $\Phi(s)$  is bounded in every truncated strip of the form above.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 1.5.** Note that it follows from  $a_n = O(n^\nu)$  that the function

$$F(z) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$$

is holomorphic in  $\mathbf{H}$ . Since  $a_n = O(n^\nu)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$  converges in some right half-plane. It follows from the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$  and  $\Phi(2k - s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi(s)$  that  $\Phi(s)$  has at most finitely many simple poles at rational integer points. From the integral formula

$$e^{-y} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{d-i\infty}^{d+i\infty} \Gamma(s) y^{-s} ds$$

for any  $y, d > 0$  and absolute convergence of the Dirichlet series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$  for  $\sigma = \operatorname{Re}(s)$  sufficiently large, we see that  $F(iy) - a_0$  is the inverse Mellin transform of  $\Phi(s)$ . Indeed,

$$(19) \quad F(iy) - a_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2\pi i} \int_{d-i\infty}^{d+i\infty} \Gamma(s) (2\pi n y)^{-s} ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{d-i\infty}^{d+i\infty} (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s} y^{-s} ds & (21) \quad & F(z) - a_0 = (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k} F\left(-\frac{1}{2z}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{d-i\infty}^{d+i\infty} \Phi(s) y^{-s} ds & & - a_0 (\sqrt{2}z)^{-2k} + \sum_{n=-[d]}^{[d]} \alpha_n i^n z^{-n}
 \end{aligned}$$

for any large positive  $d$ . We can choose  $d > 2|k|$  sufficiently large so that all of the poles of  $\Phi(s)$  lie between  $-d$  and  $d$ . Then the integrals

$$\int_{d+iT}^{-d+iT} \Phi(s) y^{-s} ds \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-d-iT}^{d-iT} \Phi(s) y^{-s} ds$$

have limit 0 as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  (see [6, p. 1868]). We now integrate around a rectangle with vertices  $\pm d \pm iT$ . By applying the residue theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (20) \quad &F(iy) - a_0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-d-i\infty}^{-d+i\infty} \Phi(s) y^{-s} ds + \sum_{n=-[d]}^{[d]} \alpha_n y^{-n}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha_n$  is the residue of  $\Phi(s)$  at  $s = n$ . Applying the functional equation  $\Phi(2k - s) = (-1)^k 2^{s-k} \Phi(s)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-d-i\infty}^{-d+i\infty} \Phi(s) y^{-s} ds \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^k 2^k}{2\pi i} \int_{-d-i\infty}^{-d+i\infty} \Phi(2k - s) (2y)^{-s} ds \\
 &= (i\sqrt{2}y)^{-2k} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{2k+d-i\infty}^{2k+d+i\infty} \Phi(u) \left(\frac{1}{2y}\right)^{-u} du \\
 &= (\sqrt{2}iy)^{-2k} \left( F\left(\frac{i}{2y}\right) - a_0 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (20) we have

holds for  $z = iy, y > 0$ . By the identity theorem, (21) holds for all  $z \in \mathbf{H}$ . Therefore,  $F(z)$  is an entire modular integral of weight  $2k$  with rational period function for  $\Gamma_0^+(2)$  with poles only at 0 and  $\infty$ .  $\square$

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