

**Universal formal groups  
whose exponentials  
are elliptic functions of level  $n$ .**

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## Recall classical definitions

An **elliptic function** is a meromorphic function in  $\mathbb{C}$  that is doubly periodic:

$$f(z + 2\omega_1) = f(z), \quad f(z + 2\omega_2) = f(z), \quad \operatorname{Im} \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \neq 0.$$

### Properties

For any nonconstant elliptic functions  $f(z)$ ,  $g(z)$ ,

- there exists a polynomial  $P(x_1, x_2)$ , such that  $P(f(z), g(z)) \equiv 0$ ,
- any elliptic function  $h(z)$  is a rational function of  $f(z)$  and  $f'(z)$ .

Often one takes  $f(z) = \wp(z; g_2, g_3)$  — the solution of

$$f'(z)^2 = 4f(z)^3 - g_2f(z) - g_3.$$

### Corollary

*Any elliptic function  $h(z)$  is a rational function of  $\wp(z)$  and  $\wp'(z)$ .*

## Weierstrass functions

$\wp(z; g_2, g_3)$  is the unique elliptic function with periods  $2\omega_1, 2\omega_2$  and poles only in lattice points such that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left( \wp(z) - \frac{1}{z^2} \right) = 0$ .

$$\wp'(z)^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 - g_2\wp(z) - g_3.$$

**The Weierstrass  $\zeta$ -function** is defined by

$$\zeta(z; g_2, g_3)' = -\wp(z; g_2, g_3), \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (z\zeta(z)) = 1.$$

$$\zeta(z + 2\omega_k) = \zeta(z) + 2\zeta(\omega_k).$$

**The Weierstrass  $\sigma$ -function** is defined by

$$(\ln \sigma(z; g_2, g_3))' = \zeta(z; g_2, g_3), \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sigma(z)}{z} \right) = 1.$$

$$\sigma(z + 2\omega_k) = -\exp(2\zeta(\omega_k)(z + \omega_k))\sigma(z).$$

## Definition: Elliptic function of level $n$

A meromorphic function  $f_n(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  with periodic properties

$$f_n(x + 2\omega_1) = f_n(x), \quad f_n(x + 2\omega_2) = \sqrt[n]{1} f_n(x), \quad \omega_2/\omega_1 \notin \mathbb{R},$$

where  $(\sqrt[n]{1})^n = 1$ ,  $(\sqrt[n]{1})^k \neq 1$  for  $0 < k < n$ ,

with one simple pole

on the parallelogram of periods with generators  $2\omega_1, 2\omega_2$ .

Such a function will be a true elliptic function for the parallelogram  $2\omega_1, 2n\omega_2$ .

We assume

$$f_n(0) = 0, \quad f'_n(0) = 1.$$

Elliptic functions of level  $n$  exist for any  $n \geq 2$ .

## Description: Elliptic function of level $n$

For a lattice  $L$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  (with generators  $2\omega_1, 2\omega_2$ )  
consider the elliptic function  $g(x)$  with divisor  $N \cdot 0 - N \cdot z$ .  
We demand that  $g(x) = x^N + \dots$ .  
Set  $f(x) = g(x)^{1/N}$  where  $f(x) = x + \dots$ .

The function  $f(x)$  is elliptic with respect to a sublattice  $L'$  of  $L$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{\exp(\alpha x)}{\Phi(x; z)} = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(z)}{\sigma(z-x)} \exp(\alpha x - \zeta(z)x),$$

$$\text{where } z = 2\frac{k}{N}\omega_1 + 2\frac{m}{N}\omega_2, \quad \alpha = -2\frac{k}{N}\zeta(\omega_1) - 2\frac{m}{N}\zeta(\omega_2) + \zeta(z).$$

## Realization: Elliptic function of level $n$

Realization by I.M. Krichever

in terms of Baker–Akhiezer function  $\Phi(x; z)$

$$f_n(x) = \frac{\exp(\alpha x)}{\Phi(x; z)} = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(z)}{\sigma(z-x)} \exp(\alpha x - \zeta(z)x), \quad (1)$$

where

$$z = 2\frac{k}{n}\omega_1, \quad \alpha = -2\frac{k}{n}\zeta(\omega_1) + \zeta(z),$$

$0 < k < n$ , and  $k, n$  are coprime.

The periodic properties will follow from

$$\Phi(x + 2\omega_k; z) = \Phi(x; z) \exp(2\zeta(z)\omega_k - 2\zeta(\omega_k)z).$$

Thus, the pole of  $f_n(x)$  is at  $z = 2\frac{k}{n}\omega_1$ .

## Lemma

For the Baker-Akhiezer function  $\Phi(x) = \Phi(x; z)$

$$\Phi(x)\Phi'''(x) - 3\Phi'(x)\Phi''(x) = -6\wp(z)\Phi(x)\Phi'(x) - 2\wp'(z)\Phi(x)^2.$$

## Corollary

For

$$f(x) = \frac{\exp(\alpha x)}{\Phi(x; z)} = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(z)}{\sigma(z-x)} \exp(\alpha x - \zeta(z)x),$$

we have

$$f(x)f'''(x) - 3f'(x)f''(x) = C_1f'(x)^2 + C_2f(x)f'(x) + C_3f(x)^2,$$

where  $C_1 = -6\alpha$ ,  $C_2 = 6(\alpha^2 - \wp(z))$ ,

$C_3 = 2(\wp'(z) + 3\alpha\wp(z) - \alpha^3)$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(z)}{\sigma(z-x)} e^{\alpha x - \zeta(z)x} \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \wp(z), \wp'(z), g_2/2][[x]].$$

## Isogenies of elliptic curves.

Recall Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function with periods  $2\omega_1, 2\omega_2$  satisfies

$$\wp'(x)^2 = 4\wp(x)^3 - g_2\wp(x) - g_3 \quad \text{for}$$

$$g_2 = 60 \sum_{(k,m) \neq (0,0)} (2k\omega_1 + 2m\omega_2)^{-4}, \quad g_3 = 140 \sum_{(k,m) \neq (0,0)} (2k\omega_1 + 2m\omega_2)^{-6}.$$

Lemma (for  $2\tilde{\omega}_1 = 2\omega_1, 2\tilde{\omega}_2 = 4\omega_2$ )

$$\wp(x; g_2, g_3) = \frac{(\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - a_1)(\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - a_2)}{\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - b_1}$$

$$b_1 = a_1 + a_2,$$

$$g_2 = 4(a_1 + 3a_2)(3a_1 + a_2), \quad \tilde{g}_2 = g_2 - 20a_1a_2,$$

$$g_3 = -8(a_1 + a_2)(a_1 - a_2)^2, \quad \tilde{g}_3 = g_3 - 28a_1a_2b_1,$$

$$\Delta = 256a_1a_2(9b_1^2 - 4a_1a_2)^2, \quad \tilde{\Delta} = 16a_1^2a_2^2(9b_1^2 - 4a_1a_2).$$



## Corollary

Any elliptic function  $h(z)$  is a rational function of  $\wp(z)$  and  $\wp'(z)$ .

Consider

$$f_2(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(\omega_2)}{\sigma(\omega_2 - x)} \exp(-\zeta(\omega_2)x).$$

For the parallelogram of periods with generators  $2\omega_1, 2\tilde{\omega}_2 = 4\omega_2$ :

Zeros:  $0, 2\omega_2$ ; poles:  $\omega_1, \omega_1 + 2\omega_2$ . Thus for  $c = \wp(2\omega_2; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)$

$$f_2(x) = \frac{-2(\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - c)}{\wp'(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)}$$

For  $\beta = \wp(\omega_1; g_2, g_3)$

$$4\beta^3 - g_2\beta - g_3 = 0, \quad \tilde{g}_2 = -\frac{1}{4}g_2 + 15c^2,$$

$$c = -\frac{1}{2}\beta, \quad \tilde{g}_3 = 4c^3 - c\tilde{g}_2.$$

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$$f_2(x) = \frac{-2(\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - c)}{\wp'(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)} = \frac{\wp'(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)}{-2(\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - a)(\wp(x; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3) - b)}.$$

For  $\beta = \wp(\omega_1; g_2, g_3)$ ,  $c = \wp(2\omega_2; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)$ ,  $a = \wp(\omega_1; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)$ ,  
 $b = \wp(\omega_1 + 2\omega_2; \tilde{g}_2, \tilde{g}_3)$

$$\begin{aligned} 4\beta^3 - g_2\beta - g_3 &= 0, & \tilde{g}_2 &= -\frac{1}{4}g_2 + 15c^2, \\ c &= -\frac{1}{2}\beta, & \tilde{g}_3 &= 4c^3 - c\tilde{g}_2. \end{aligned}$$

and additional relations

$$c = -a - b, \quad \tilde{g}_2 = 4(a^2 + ab + b^2), \quad \tilde{g}_3 = 4abc.$$

## Elliptic function of level 4

$$f_4(x) = \frac{(\wp(x) - a_1)(-\frac{1}{2}\wp'(x)(\wp(x) - a_2) + \alpha(\wp(x) - a_3)(\wp(x) - a_4))}{(\wp(x) - b_1)(\wp(x) - b_2)(\wp(x) - b_3)(\wp(x) - b_4)},$$

where  $a_k \neq b_k$ .

$$f_4(x) = \frac{1}{32} \frac{\alpha(4\wp(x) + 3\alpha^2 - \beta)(2\wp(x) - \alpha^2 + \beta)(4\wp(x) - 7\alpha^2 + 5\beta)}{\wp(x)^4 + c_1\wp(x)^3 + c_2\wp(x)^2 + c_3\wp(x) + c_4} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{\wp'(x)(4\wp(x) + 3\alpha^2 - \beta)^2}{\wp(x)^4 + c_1\wp(x)^3 + c_2\wp(x)^2 + c_3\wp(x) + c_4}.$$

## $N$ -th special Hirzebruch functional equation

Elliptic functions of level  $n$  for  $n \mid N + 1$   
are solutions of  $N$ -th special Hirzebruch functional equation

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N+1} \prod_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{f(x_i - x_j)} = 0. \quad (2)$$

(F. Hirzebruch comparing a paper by P.S. Landweber  
with a paper by S. Ochanine)

We assume  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$ .

### Lemma

*Elliptic function of order  $n$  is odd if and only if  $n = 2$ .*

## Corollaries from Hirzebruch functional equations

$$\text{N-th: } \sum_{j=1}^{N+1} \prod_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{f(x_i - x_j)} = 0, \quad f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1.$$

### Corollary

*Each odd solution of 3-rd special Hirzebruch functional equation is elliptic function of level 2.*

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*Each solution of 2-nd special Hirzebruch functional equation is elliptic function of level 3.*

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*Each non-odd solution of 3-rd special Hirzebruch functional equation is elliptic function of level 4.*

## Formal group

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity 1.

A commutative one-dimensional **formal group** over  $R$  is a formal series

$$F(u, v) = u + v + \sum_{i, j > 0} a_{i, j} u^i v^j, \quad a_{i, j} \in R,$$

with conditions

$$F(v, u) = F(u, v), \quad F(u, F(v, w)) = F(F(u, v), w).$$

It's **exponential**  $f(x) \in R \otimes \mathbb{Q}[[x]]$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$ , is determined by the addition law

$$f(x + y) = F(f(x), f(y)).$$

## Buchstaber's formal group

$$F(u, v) = \frac{u^2 A(v) - v^2 A(u)}{uB(v) - vB(u)}, \quad A(0) = B(0) = 1. \quad (3)$$

Here  $A(u), B(u)$  are formal series over some coefficient ring  $R$ . As (3) does not depend on  $B'(0)$  and  $A''(0)$ , set  $B'(0) = A''(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem (V.M. Buchstaber, 1990)**

*The exponential of the universal formal group of the form (3) is*

$$f(x) = \frac{\exp(\alpha x)}{\Phi(x; z)} = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(z)}{\sigma(z-x)} e^{\alpha x - \zeta(z)x}.$$

## Elliptic function of level 2.

Elliptic function of level 2 is Jacobi's elliptic sine  $sn(x)$ .

$$f'(x)^2 = 1 - 2\delta f(x)^2 + \varepsilon f(x)^4, \quad f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1.$$

It determines Oshanine-Witten elliptic genus.

We have

$$f_2(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(\omega_2)}{\sigma(\omega_2 - x)} \exp(-\zeta(\omega_2)x).$$

### Theorem

$f_2(x)$  is the exponential of the universal formal group of the form

$$F(u, v) = \frac{u^2 - v^2}{uB(v) - vB(u)}, \quad B(0) = 1.$$

Note: here  $A(u) = 1$ .



## Elliptic function of level 3.

Elliptic function of level 3 is the solution of

$$f'(x)^2(f'(x) + 3af(x)) = ((a^3 + 3b)f(x)^3 + 1)^2 - 12a^3bf(x)^6$$

with  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$ .

We have

$$f_3(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)\sigma(\frac{2}{3}\omega_1)}{\sigma(\frac{2}{3}\omega_1 - x)} \exp(\alpha x - \zeta(\frac{2}{3}\omega_1)x),$$

**Theorem (V.M. Buchstaber, E. Yu. Bunkova)**

*$f_3(x)$  is the exponential of the universal formal group of the form*

$$F(u, v) = \frac{u^2A(v) - v^2A(u)}{uA(v)^2 - vA(u)^2}, \quad A(0) = 1, \quad A''(0) = 0.$$

Note: here  $B(u) = A(u)^2 - 2A'(0)u$ .

# Universal formal groups for elliptic functions of level $n$ .

Set  $A(0) = B(0) = 1, B'(0) = A''(0) = 0, A'(0) = A_1, B''(0) = B_2$ .

## Theorem

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$$F(u, v) = \frac{u^2 A(v) - v^2 A(u)}{uB(v) - vB(u)},$$

with:

$$\text{Level 2,} \quad 1 = A(u),$$

$$\text{Level 3,} \quad B(u) = A(u)^2 - 2A_1 u,$$

$$\text{Level 4,} \quad (2B(u) + 3A_1 u)^2 = 4A(u)^3 - (3A_1^2 - 8B_2)u^2 A(u)^2.$$

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