

Constructing (mysterious) equalities

1. Introduction

In [1] the following 2 polynomials and a mysterious equality (abbreviated in the following with m. e.) are defined:

$$(1) \quad p_4(x) := x^4 + 4\alpha x^3 + 2x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(2) \quad p_3(x) := x^3 + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma_i^2} - 4 \right) x + 2\gamma_i$$

There it's proofed:

Let $\alpha \neq \pm 2/3$, let γ_i be any root of (1), $\gamma \neq \gamma_i$ any other root of (1) and ξ any root of (2), then for all 4 x 3 x 3 combinations of the roots the following equality holds:

$$(3) \quad \frac{\xi^9 p_4\left(\frac{1}{\xi}\right)^2}{p_4(\xi)^2} = - \frac{2\gamma_i \gamma^6 p_3\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)^2}{p_3(\gamma)^2}$$

The left/right hand side is a rational function of γ_i , i.e. $\in \mathbf{Q}(\gamma_i)$

These polynomials and the equality are related to the modular equation of level 3.

2. Constructing the equalities

Here the equalities are constructed in an elementary manner without any connection to elliptic functions or modular equations. But almost all examples are related to these.

Let $p_{a,k}(x)$ the polynomial of degree N , defined by the following equality:

$$(4.1) \quad x^N \left(\frac{1}{x} - \gamma_i \right)^{(N-1)} = a \gamma_i^k (x - \gamma_i)^{(N-1)}$$

For $N \leq 0$ in (4.1) $p_{a,k}(x)$ is no polynomial, treating the polynomial in the numerator as "ansatz" leads to a second polynomial $r_{a,k}(x)$

$$(4.2) \quad x(x - \gamma_i)^{(N-1)} = a \gamma_i^k x^{(N-1)} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \gamma_i \right)^{(N-1)}$$

Properties: - the reciprocal polynomial i.e. $p_{a,k}(1/x) * x^N = p_{1/a, -k}(x)$
 - the reciprocal polynomial $r_{a,k}(1/x) * x^N = r_{1/a, -k}(x)$
 - $p_{a,k}(x)$ and the substitution $\gamma_i \rightarrow 1 / \gamma_i \sim r_{a, -k}(x)$
 - $r_{a,k}(x)$ and the substitution $\gamma_i \rightarrow 1 / \gamma_i \sim p_{a, -k}(x)$

Define the 2 polynomials:

$$(4.3) \quad p_\gamma(x) := p_{a,k}(x) \quad \text{and } \gamma \text{ be a root of } p_\gamma(x)$$

$$(4.4) \quad p_\xi(x) := p_{b,l}(x) \quad \text{and } \xi \text{ be a root of } p_\xi(x)$$

Using the 4 factorisations of appendix A leads to this equality:

$$(5) \quad \frac{\zeta^N p_\gamma\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right)}{p_\gamma(\zeta)} = - \frac{\gamma^N p_\xi\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)}{p_\xi(\gamma)} = Q(\gamma_i) \quad \text{a function of } \gamma_i \text{ only}$$

$$(5.1) \quad Q(\gamma_i) := \frac{a b \gamma_i^{(k+l)} - 1}{a \gamma_i^k - b \gamma_i^l}$$

Special cases: $k = 0$ and $a = 1 \rightarrow Q() = 1$, $l = 0$ and $b = 1 \rightarrow Q() = -1$

Define the polynomial of degree $N + 1$:

$$(4.5) \quad q_\gamma(x) := (x - \gamma_i) p_\gamma(x) = (x - \gamma_i) p_{a,k}(x)$$

Rising (5) to the $(N - 1)^{\text{th}}$ power and using (4.4) and (4.5) for the left side yields

$$(5.2) \quad \frac{\zeta^{(N^2)} q_\gamma \left(\frac{1}{\zeta} \right)^{(N-1)}}{q_\gamma(\zeta)^{(N-1)}} = \frac{b \gamma_i^l (-1)^{(N-1)} \gamma^{(N(N-1))} p_\zeta \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} \right)^{(N-1)}}{p_\zeta(\gamma)^{(N-1)}} = b \gamma_i^l Q(\gamma_i)^{(N-1)}$$

By construction this equality is valid **only** for γ_i the root of the **linear factor** of $q_\gamma(x)$, but the m. e. is valid for all roots!

The same construction for the polynomials $r_{a,k}(x)$ (4.2) changes almost nothing. Only (5.2) has to be replaced by:

$$(5.3) \quad \frac{\zeta^{(N^2-2)} q_\gamma \left(\frac{1}{\zeta} \right)^{(N-1)}}{q_\gamma(\zeta)^{(N-1)}} = \frac{(-1)^{(N-1)} \gamma^{(N(N-1))} p_\zeta \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} \right)^{(N-1)}}{b \gamma_i^l p_\zeta(\gamma)^{(N-1)}}$$

this differs from (5.2) in the power of ξ on the left hand side and b, γ_i are in the denominator on the right hand side.

3. Conditions to be a mysterious equality i.e. an equality for all roots γ_i

Now we look for conditions under that (5.2) or (5.3) is an equality for all roots γ_i of $q_\gamma(x)$.

At first some examples:

Example 1:

$N = 3, \quad a = -1/3, \quad k = -1, \quad b, l = \text{free } (b \in \mathbf{R}, l \in \mathbf{Z})$

For these parameters and the specialisation $b = -2, l = 1$ (5.2) is equals to (3), $p_{-2,1}(x)$ is proportional to $p_3(x)$ in (2) and (4.3) $q(x) = (x - \gamma_i) * p_{-1/3,-1}(x)$ is proportional to

$$x^4 + x^3 \left(-\frac{2}{\gamma_i} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\gamma_i^3} - \gamma_i \right) + 2x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$$

which of course by construction is reducible in $\mathbf{Q}(\gamma_i)$

Setting the coefficient of x^3 to 4α this is exactly $p_4(x)$ in (1).

This $p_4(x)$ is irreducible in $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ with Galois group S_4 .

Now a sufficient condition (8):

If the degree $N + 1$ polynomial $q_\gamma(x)$ in (4.3) after a rational reparametrisation by α is irreducible over $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$ and the Galois group is at least 2-transitive then the equality (5.2) is fulfilled for all roots γ_i of $q_\gamma(x)$ i.e. is a m.e.

These are exactly the polynomials and the m. e. from [1].

Comment to the parametrization of $p_3(x)$ and elliptic curves:

It can be seen easily that this parametrization of $p_3(x)$ by $b \in \mathbf{R}, l \in \mathbf{Z}$ is just a deformation of the coelliptic polynomial $t_m(x)$ in [1] that causes a linear transformation on the $s_m()$ and therefore does not change the value of β_m^2 . So this parametrized $p_3(x)$ is something like a generalised coelliptic polynomial? Of course the m. e. (5.2) with b and l then can be derived from the formula with $r_{j,n}(0)$ and $t_m(0)$ in [1].

Example 2:

$N = 2, \quad a, k = \text{free } (a \in \mathbf{R}, k \in \mathbf{Z}), \quad b = 1, l = 0$

$$q_3(x) := (x - \alpha) \left(x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} - \alpha \right) - a \alpha^k (x - \alpha) \right) \quad p_2(x) := x^2 - 1$$

$$\frac{\zeta^4 q_3\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right)}{q_3(\zeta)} = - \frac{\gamma^2 p_2\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)}{p_2(\gamma)} \quad (5.1) \text{ for } N = 2$$

$p_2(x)$ is independent from γ_i , so $\xi = \pm 1$, and the left hand side is equals 1
The right hand side is 1 for arbitrary γ , $q_3(x)$ could be replaced by an even more general polynomial (of arbitrary degree).

Though this is a little bit trivial example, this shows that condition (8) is not necessary (a reparametrisation of $q_3(x)$ to get irreducibility is not possible)

Example 3:

$N = 1, \quad a = \text{free } (a \in \mathbf{R}), k = -1, \quad b, l = \text{free } (b \in \mathbf{R}, l \in \mathbf{Z})$

$$q_2(x) := x^2 + x \left(-\frac{a}{\gamma_i} - \gamma_i \right) + a \quad p_1(x) := x - b \gamma_i^l$$

$$\zeta = b \gamma_i^l \quad (5.1) \text{ for } N = 1$$

reparameterising with $\alpha = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{a}{\gamma_i} - \frac{1}{6} \gamma_i$

leads to the irreducible (for $a \neq 9 * \alpha^2$) $q_2(x) := x^2 + 6 x \alpha + a$

For $a = 4$ these are the polynomials and the equality related to the modular

equation of level 4 (see table 1).

$$q_2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)x^2 = x^4 + 6x^3\alpha + 6x^2 + 6x\alpha + 1$$

is the 4th degree equation for the primitive, nontrivial (± 1 are the trivial) 4-division points, see [2]. See the polynomials $R_{4,3}(x)$ and $S_{4,3}(x)$ in appendix B too.

level	\mathbf{Z}_n^x	N	a	k	remarks	q (x)	R / S
2	\mathbf{Z}_2	1	1	-1		$q_2(x) := x^2 + 3x\alpha + 1$	$R_{2,2}$
3	\mathbf{Z}_2	3	-1/3	-1		$q_4(x) := x^4 + 4x^3\alpha + 2x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$	R_3
4	\mathbf{Z}_2	1	4	-1		$q_2(x) := x^2 + 6x\alpha + 4$	$S_{4,3}$
6	\mathbf{Z}_2^2	3	-3	1	►	• $q_4(x) := x^4 - 6x^2 - 12x\alpha - 3$	$R_{6,1}$
							$?_{6,2}$
8	\mathbf{Z}_2^2	1	-1	1	$\gamma_i = \gamma_i - 4$	$q_2(x) := x^2 - 4x - 4 - 12\alpha$	$S_{8,1}$
12	\mathbf{Z}_2^2						$?_{12,1}$
24	\mathbf{Z}_2^3						$?_{24,1}$

Table 1: the examples to m. e. s

- use $pr_{a,k}(x)$ and formulas (4.x*) and (5.x*)
- reciprocal to $q_4(x)$ of level 3, the m.e. is now (5.3) with ξ^7 instead of ξ^9 !

Questions:

- are there other $p_{a,k}(x)$ than in table 1 that fulfil the condition (8)?
- can the coelliptic polynomials $t_m(x)$ for $p = 5, 7, \dots$ in [1] parametrized too, so β_m^2 does not change?

Appendices

Appendix A: Factorising the $p_\xi(x)$ and $p_\gamma(x)$ for roots

Now the $p(x)$'s (4.1) for γ, ξ with different arguments can be expressed as products, due to the special form (4):

$$(6.1) \quad p_\zeta(\gamma) = p_\zeta(\gamma) - p_\gamma(\gamma)$$

Adding multiples of the defining equation for γ does not change the right hand side, but this cancels the term γ^N with highest degree, the right hand side now factors

$$(7.1) \quad p_\zeta(\gamma) = -(\gamma - \gamma_i)^{(N-1)} (-a \gamma_i^k + b \gamma_i^l)$$

$$(6.2) \quad p_\zeta\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) = p_\zeta\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) + \frac{b \gamma_i^l p_\gamma(\gamma)}{\gamma^N}$$

the constant term with γ^0 is canceled, the right hand side now factors

$$(7.2) \quad p_\zeta\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right) = \frac{(\gamma - \gamma_i)^{(N-1)} (-a b \gamma_i^{(k+l)} + 1)}{\gamma^N}$$

$$(6.3) \quad p_\gamma(\zeta) = p_\gamma(\zeta) - p_\zeta(\zeta)$$

the term with ξ^N is canceled, the right hand side now factors

$$(7.3) \quad p_\gamma(\zeta) = (\zeta - \gamma_i)^{(N-1)} (-a \gamma_i^k + b \gamma_i^l)$$

$$(6.4) \quad p_\gamma\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right) = p_\gamma\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right) + \frac{a \gamma_i^k p_\zeta(\zeta)}{\zeta^N}$$

the constant term with ξ^0 is canceled, the right hand side now factors

$$(7.4) \quad p_\gamma\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right) = \frac{(\zeta - \gamma_i)^{(N-1)} (-a b \gamma_i^{(k+l)} + 1)}{\zeta^N}$$

Remark:

Instead of (6.1) this $p_\zeta(\gamma) = p_\zeta(\gamma) - \frac{a \gamma_i^k p_\gamma(\gamma)}{b \gamma_i^l}$ could be used too,

this cancels the term with γ^0 instead of γ^N and factorises too. The result is equals to (7.1) using the defining equality (4) for $p_{b,1}(x)$. Similar for the 3 cases (6.2) – (6.4)

For the polynomials $r(x)$ (4.2) slightly different results are obtained, but the result is the same quotients.

Appendix B: Division points for the essential elliptic curve E_β

The essential elliptic curve: $y^2 - 4x^3 - 12\alpha x^2 - 4x$

Some addition formulas (only for the x-components):

∞	0	$-\beta$	$-1/\beta$
x	$\frac{1}{x}$	$-\frac{x\beta + 1}{x + \beta}$	$-\frac{x + \beta}{x\beta + 1}$

The doubling formula:

$$x_2 := \frac{(x-1)^2(x+1)^2}{y^2} \qquad y_2 := \frac{2(x-1)(x+1)R_{4,3}(x)}{y^3}$$

The tripling formula:

$$x_3 := \frac{xR_{6,1}(x)^2}{R_3(x)^2} \qquad y_3 := \frac{yR_{6,1}(x)R_{6,2}(x)}{R_3(x)^3}$$

The equations of the primitive division points:

The following table lists the polynomials for the 7 levels with unit group \mathbf{Z}_2^k

column # : number of primitive division points, for level > 2 each x-division point exists twice (for $\pm y$), s the sum all degrees is only # / 2

For reciprocal polynomials the polynomials $S(x)$ of half degree are given $R(x) = S(x + 1/x)$.

The $R(x)$ polynomials of degree 3 are the cubic resolvents of degree 4 polynomials

level	#	R (x)
2	3	$R_{2,1} := x$
		$R_{2,2} := x^2 + 3\alpha x + 1$
3	8	$R_3 := 3x^4 + 6x^2 + 12x^3\alpha - 1$
		$RR_3 := 3x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x - 8 + 16\alpha^2$

4	12	$R_{4,1} := x - 1$ $R_{4,2} := x + 1$ $R_{4,3} := x^4 + 6\alpha x^3 + 6x^2 + 6\alpha x + 1$ $S_{4,3} := x^2 + 6\alpha x + 4$ $RR_{4,3} := (x - 2)(x^2 - 4x + 36\alpha^2 - 12)$
6	24	$*** R_{6,1} := x^4 - 6x^2 - 12\alpha x - 3$ $*** RR_{6,1} := x^3 + 6x^2 + 12x + 72 - 144\alpha^2$ $R_{6,2} := x^8 + 12\alpha x^7 + 28x^6 + 84\alpha x^5 + x^4(6 + 144\alpha^2) + 84\alpha x^3 + 28x^2 + 12\alpha x + 1$ $S_{6,2} := x^4 + 12\alpha x^3 + 24x^2 + 48\alpha x + 144\alpha^2 - 48$ $SR_{6,2} := x^3 - 24x^2 + 192x + 18432\alpha^2 - 4608 - 20736\alpha^4$ $T_{6,2,1} := 4x^3\beta^2 + \beta + 4x + 6x^2\beta + x^4\beta$ $TR_{6,2,1} := x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x + 24 - 16\beta^2 - \frac{16}{\beta^2}$ $T_{6,2,2} := 4x\beta^2 + \beta + 6x^2\beta + 4x^3 + x^4\beta$ $TR_{6,2,2} := TR_{6,2,1}$
8	48	$R_{8,1} := x^4 - 4x^3 + x^2(-12\alpha - 2) - 4x + 1$ $S_{8,1} := x^2 - 4x - 12\alpha - 4$ $R_{8,2} := x^4 + 4x^3 + x^2(12\alpha - 2) + 4x + 1$ $S_{8,2} := x^2 + 4x + 12\alpha - 4$ $R_{8,3} := x^{16} + 24x^{15}\alpha + x^{14}(88 + 72\alpha^2) + 840x^{13}\alpha + x^{12} + \dots$ $S_{8,3} := x^8 + 24\alpha x^7 + (80 + 72\alpha^2)x^6 + 672\alpha x^5 + (-416 + 3456\alpha^2)x^4 + \dots$
12	96	$R_{12,1} := x^8 + 8x^7 + x^6(-20 + 72\alpha) + x^5(56 - 96\alpha + 144\alpha^2) + \dots$ $S_{12,1} := x^4 + 8x^3 + (-24 + 72\alpha)x^2 + (32 - 96\alpha + 144\alpha^2)x + 16 + 96\alpha - 144\alpha^2$ $R_{12,2} := x^8 - 8x^7 + x^6(-20 - 72\alpha) + x^5(-56 - 96\alpha - 144\alpha^2) + \dots$ $S_{12,2} := x^4 - 8x^3 + (-24 - 72\alpha)x^2 + (-32 - 96\alpha - 144\alpha^2)x + 16 - 96\alpha - 144\alpha^2$ $R_{12,3} := x^{32} + 48\alpha x^{31} + x^{30}(144\alpha^2 + 432) + 7440x^{29}\alpha + \dots$

24	384	$S_{12,3} := x^{16} + 48 x^{15} \alpha + (144 \alpha^2 + 416) x^{14} + 6720 x^{13} \alpha + \dots$
		$S_{24,1} := x^{16} - 32 x^{15} + (-1248 \alpha - 352) x^{14} + (-8064 \alpha - 2688 - 16128 \alpha^2) x^{13} + \dots$
		$S_{24,2} := x^{16} + 32 x^{15} + (1248 \alpha - 352) x^{14} + (-8064 \alpha + 2688 + 16128 \alpha^2) x^{13} + \dots$
		$R_{24,3} := x^{128} + 192 x^{127} \alpha + (2880 \alpha^2 + 6848) x^{126} + (13824 \alpha^3 + 505920 \alpha) x^{125} + \dots$

Table 2: polynomials for the division points of E_β

*** $R_{6,1}$ is reciprocal to R_3

Special values: $j = 1, \alpha = \pm 1 / \sqrt{2}, \beta = \pm \sqrt{2}, \pm 1 / \sqrt{2}$
 $j = 0, \alpha = \pm 1 / \sqrt{3}, \beta = \sqrt{3} / 2 \pm i / 2 = 12^{\text{th}}$ unit roots with
 $\text{re} > 0$

The following table shows, how a polynomial splits for the half/third of the points

level	1 / 2 div. points			level	1 / 3 div. points		
2	$R_{2,1}$	$R_{4,1}, R_{4,2}$		2	$R_{2,1}$	$R_{6,1}$	$R_{2,1}$
	$R_{2,2}$	$R_{4,3}$			$R_{2,2}$	$R_{6,2}$	$R_{2,2}$
3	R_3	$R_{6,1}, R_{6,2}$	R_3	4	$R_{4,1}$	$R_{12,2}$	$R_{4,1}$
					$R_{4,2}$	$R_{12,1}$	$R_{4,2}$
					$R_{4,3}$	$R_{12,3}$	$R_{4,3}$
4	$R_{4,1}$	$R_{8,1}$		8	$R_{8,1}$	$R_{24,1}$	$R_{8,1}$
	$R_{4,2}$	$R_{8,2}$			$R_{8,2}$	$R_{24,2}$	$R_{8,2}$
	$R_{4,3}$	$R_{8,3}$			$R_{8,3}$	$R_{24,3}$	$R_{8,3}$
6	$R_{6,1}$	$R_{12,1}, R_{12,2}$					
	$R_{6,2}$	$R_{12,3}$					
12	$R_{12,1}$	$R_{24,2}$					
	$R_{12,2}$	$R_{24,1}$					
	$R_{12,3}$	$R_{24,3}$					

Table 3: splitting of the polynomial of division points

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