

ANOMALY CANCELLATION AND MODULARITY II: THE $E_8 \times E_8$ CASE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we show that both of the Green-Schwarz anomaly factorization formula for the gauge group $E_8 \times E_8$ and the Hořava-Witten anomaly factorization formula for the gauge group E_8 can be derived through modular forms of weight 14. This answers a question of J. H. Schwarz. We also establish generalizations of these factorization formulas and obtain a new Hořava-Witten type factorization formula.

INTRODUCTION

In [15], [8] and [9], it has been shown that both of the Alvarez-Gaumé-Witten miraculous anomaly cancellation formula [2] and the Green-Schwarz anomaly factorization formula [7] for the gauge group $SO(32)$ can be derived (and extended) through a pair of modularly related modular forms, which are over the modular subgroup $\Gamma_0(2)$ and $\Gamma^0(2)$ respectively. In answering a question of J. H. Schwarz [16], we deal with the remaining case of gauge group $E_8 \times E_8$ in this article.

Let $Z \rightarrow X \rightarrow B$ be a fiber bundle with fiber Z being 10 dimensional. Let TZ be the vertical tangent bundle equipped with a metric g^{TZ} and an associated Levi-Civita connection ∇^{TZ} (cf. [3, Proposition 10.2]). Let $R^{TZ} = (\nabla^{TZ})^2$ be the curvature of ∇^{TZ} , which we also for simplicity denote by R . Let $T_{\mathbf{C}}Z$ be the complexification of TZ with the induced Hermitian connection $\nabla^{T_{\mathbf{C}}Z}$.

Let $(P_1, \vartheta_1), (P_2, \vartheta_2)$ be two principal E_8 bundles with connections over X . Let ρ be the adjoint representation of E_8 . Let $W_i = P_i \times_{\rho} \mathbf{C}^{248}$, $i = 1, 2$ be the associated vector bundles, which are of rank 248. We equip both W_1, W_2 with Hermitian metrics and Hermitian connections respectively. Let F_i denote the curvature of the bundle W_i . Let “Tr” denote the trace in the adjoint representation. Then one has $\text{Tr}F_i^{2n+1} = 0$ (cf. the proof of Theorem 2.1 in this article), $\text{Tr}F_i^4 = \frac{1}{100}(\text{Tr}F_i^2)^2$, $\text{Tr}F_i^6 = \frac{1}{7200}(\text{Tr}F_i^2)^3$ (cf. [1]). It’s easy to see that $c_2(W_i) = -\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}F_i^2$. Simply denote $\text{Tr}F_1^n + \text{Tr}F_2^n$ by $\text{Tr}F^n$.

The Green-Schwarz anomaly formula [7] asserts that the following factorization for the 12 forms holds,¹

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.1) \quad & I_{12} \\
& = \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(W_1 + W_2) + \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) - 2\widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(12)} \\
& = \frac{-1}{64\pi^6} \frac{1}{720} \left(-\frac{15}{8}\text{tr}R^2\text{tr}R^4 - \frac{15}{32}(\text{tr}R^2)^3 + \text{Tr}F^6 + \text{Tr}F^2 \left(\frac{1}{16}\text{tr}R^4 + \frac{5}{64}(\text{tr}R^2)^2 \right) - \frac{5}{8}\text{Tr}F^4\text{tr}R^2 \right) \\
& = \frac{-1}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{tr}R^2 - \frac{1}{30}\text{Tr}F^2 \right) \cdot \frac{1}{16\pi^4} \frac{1}{180} \left(\frac{1}{960}(\text{Tr}F^2)^2 - \frac{5}{16}\text{Tr}F^4 + \frac{1}{32}\text{tr}R^2\text{Tr}F^2 - \frac{15}{16}\text{tr}R^4 - \frac{15}{64}(\text{tr}R^2)^2 \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \\
& = \left(p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1) + c_2(W_2)) \right) \cdot I_8.
\end{aligned}$$

¹In what follows, we will write characteristic forms without specifying the connections when there is no confusion (cf. [17]).

In [11] and [12], Hořava and Witten observed, on the other hand, that the following anomaly factorization formula holds for each $i = 1, 2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.2) \quad \widehat{I}_{12}^i &= \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ) \text{ch}(W_i) + \frac{1}{2} \widehat{A}(TZ) \text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) - \widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(12)} \\
&= \frac{-1}{64\pi^6} \frac{1}{1440} \left(-\frac{15}{8} \text{tr}R^2 \text{tr}R^4 - \frac{15}{32} (\text{tr}R^2)^3 + 2 \text{Tr}F_i^6 + \text{Tr}F_i^2 \left(\frac{1}{8} \text{tr}R^4 + \frac{5}{32} (\text{tr}R^2)^2 \right) - \frac{5}{4} \text{Tr}F_i^4 \text{tr}R^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{-1}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{4} \left(\text{tr}R^2 - \frac{1}{15} \text{Tr}F_i^2 \right) \cdot \widehat{I}_8^i \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{2} p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30} c_2(W_i) \right) \cdot \widehat{I}_8^i,
\end{aligned}$$

where \widehat{I}_8^i can be written explicitly as

$$\widehat{I}_8^i = \frac{1}{16\pi^4} \frac{1}{24} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}R^2 - \frac{1}{30} \text{Tr}F_i^2 \right)^2 - \frac{1}{8} \text{tr}R^4 + \frac{1}{32} (\text{tr}R^2)^2 \right),$$

and therefore

$$I_{12} = \widehat{I}_{12}^1 + \widehat{I}_{12}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30} c_2(W_1) \right) \cdot \widehat{I}_8^1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30} c_2(W_2) \right) \cdot \widehat{I}_8^2.$$

The purpose of this article is to show that the above anomaly factorization formulas can also be derived naturally from modularity as in the orthogonal group case dealt with in [9]. This provides a positive answer to a question of J. H. Schwarz mentioned at the beginning of the article.

To be more precise, we will construct in Section 2 a modular form $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \tau)$ of weight 14 over $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$, for any $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$, such that when $i = 1, j = 2$, the modularity of $\mathcal{Q}(P_1, P_2, \tau)$ gives the Green-Schwarz factorization formula (0.1), while when $i = j$, the modularity of $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_i, \tau)$ gives the Hořava-Witten factorization formula (0.2). Actually what we construct is a more general modular form $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau)$, which involves a complex line bundle (or equivalently a rank two real oriented bundle) and we are able to obtain generalizations of the Green-Schwarz formula and the Hořava-Witten formula by using the associated modularity. Our construction of the modular form $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau)$ involves the basic representation of the affine Kac-Moody algebra of E_8 .

Inspired by our modular method of deriving the Green-Schwarz and Hořava-Witten factorization formulas, we also construct a modular form $\mathcal{R}(P_i, \xi, \tau)$ of weight 10 over $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$, the modularity of which will give us a new factorization formula of Hořava-Witten type. See Theorem 0.2 for details. It would be interesting to compare (0.8), (0.9) with the Hořava-Witten factorization (0.2) or (0.6). Actually another interesting question of J.H. Schwarz is to construct quantum field theories associated to the generalized anomaly factorization formulas in this paper and [9].

In the rest of this section, we will present our generalized Green-Schwarz and Hořava-Witten formula, as well as the new formulas of Hořava-Witten type obtained from $\mathcal{R}(P_i, \xi, \tau)$. They will be proved in Section 2 by using modularity after briefly reviewing some knowledge of the affine Kac-Moody algebra of E_8 in Section 1.

Let ξ be a rank two real oriented Euclidean vector bundle over X carrying a Euclidean connection ∇^ξ . Let $c = e(\xi, \nabla^\xi)$ be the Euler form canonically associated to ∇^ξ (cf. [17, Section 3.4]).

Theorem 0.1. *The following identities hold,*

(0.3)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(W_1 + W_2) + \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) - 2\widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}} + \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}) \right\}^{(12)} \\ &= \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1) + c_2(W_2)) \right) \\ & \cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1)+c_2(W_2)))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1) + c_2(W_2))} \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(\mathfrak{A}) + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1)+c_2(W_2)))} \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}} \right\}^{(8)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathfrak{A} = W_1 + W_2 + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 2 + \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}$;
and for each i ,

(0.4)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(W_i) + \frac{1}{2}\widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) - \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}\widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}) \right\}^{(12)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}p_1(TZ) - \frac{3}{2}c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \\ & \cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{15}c_2(W_i))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{15}c_2(W_i)} \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(\mathfrak{B}_i) + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{15}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}} \right\}^{(8)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathfrak{B}_i = 2W_i + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 2 + \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}$.

If ξ is trivial, we obtain the Green-Schwarz formula (0.1) for $E_8 \times E_8$ and the Hořava-Witten formula (0.2) for E_8 in the following corollary.

Corollary 0.1. *One has*

(0.5)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(W_1 + W_2) + \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) - 2\widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(12)} \\ &= \left(p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1) + c_2(W_2)) \right) \\ & \cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1)+c_2(W_2)))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1) + c_2(W_2))} \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(\mathfrak{C}) + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_1)+c_2(W_2)))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(8)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathfrak{C} = W_1 + W_2 + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 2$;
and for each i ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(W_i) + \frac{1}{2}\widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) - \widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(12)} \\ (0.6) \quad &= \left(\frac{1}{2}p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \\ & \cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)+\frac{1}{15}c_2(W_i))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{15}c_2(W_i)} \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(\mathfrak{D}_i) + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)+\frac{1}{15}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(8)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathfrak{D}_i = 2W_i + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 2$.

Remark 0.1. *It can be checked by direct computation that the second factors in the right hand sides of (0.5) and (0.6) are equal to I_8 and \widehat{I}_8^i respectively.*

We now state a new factorization formula, which is of the Hořava-Witten type.

Theorem 0.2. *For each i , the following identity holds,*

$$(0.7) \quad \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(W_i) + \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) + 246\widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}} + \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}) \right\}^{(12)}$$

$$= \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right)$$

$$\cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i)} \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}}\text{ch}(\mathfrak{E}_i) + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ)e^{\frac{c}{2}} \right\}^{(8)},$$

where $\mathfrak{E}_i = W_i + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z + 246 + \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}$;
if ξ is trivial, we have

$$(0.8) \quad \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(W_i) + \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z) + 246\widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(12)}$$

$$= \left(p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right)$$

$$\cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i)} \widehat{A}(TZ)\text{ch}(\mathfrak{F}_i) + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \right\}^{(8)},$$

where $\mathfrak{F}_i = W_i + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z + 246$.

Remark 0.2. *We can express (0.8) by direct computations as follows,*

$$(0.9) \quad \frac{-1}{64\pi^6} \frac{1}{1440} \left(-\frac{15}{4}\text{tr}R^2\text{tr}R^4 - \frac{15}{16}(\text{tr}R^2)^3 + 2\text{Tr}F_i^6 + \text{Tr}F_i^2 \left(\frac{1}{8}\text{tr}R^4 + \frac{5}{32}(\text{tr}R^2)^2 \right) - \frac{5}{4}\text{Tr}F_i^4\text{tr}R^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{tr}R^2 - \frac{1}{30}\text{Tr}F_i^2 \right) \cdot \frac{1}{16\pi^4} \frac{1}{180} \left(-\frac{1}{480}(\text{Tr}F_i^2)^2 + \frac{1}{32}\text{tr}R^2\text{Tr}F_i^2 - \frac{15}{16}\text{tr}R^4 - \frac{15}{64}(\text{tr}R^2)^2 \right)$$

$$= \left(p_1(TZ) + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \cdot \widehat{J}_8.$$

Remark 0.3. *As in [16], one may ask whether there is a physics model corresponding to (0.8) and (0.9).*

1. THE BASIC REPRESENTATION OF AFFINE E_8

In this section we briefly review the basic representation theory for the affine E_8 by following [13] (see also [14]).

Let \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra of E_8 . Let \langle, \rangle be the Killing form on \mathfrak{g} . Let $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ be the affine Lie algebra corresponding to \mathfrak{g} defined by

$$\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathbf{C}[t, t^{-1}] \otimes \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathbf{C}c,$$

with bracket

$$[P(t) \otimes x + \lambda c, Q(t) \otimes y + \mu c] = P(t)Q(t) \otimes [x, y] + \langle x, y \rangle \text{Res}_{t=0} \left(\frac{dP(t)}{dt} Q(t) \right) c.$$

Let $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ be the affine Kac-Moody algebra obtained from $\widetilde{\mathfrak{g}}$ by adding a derivation $t \frac{d}{dt}$ which operates on $\mathbf{C}[t, t^{-1}] \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ in an obvious way and sends c to 0.

The basic representation $V(\Lambda_0)$ is the $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -module defined by the property that there is a nonzero vector v_0 (highest weight vector) in $V(\Lambda_0)$ such that $cv_0 = v_0, (\mathbf{C}[t] \oplus \mathbf{C}t\frac{d}{dt})v_0 = 0$. Setting $V_k := \{v \in V(\Lambda_0) | t\frac{d}{dt}v = -kv\}$ gives a \mathbf{Z}_+ -gradation by finite spaces. Since $[g, d] = 0$, each V_k is a representation of \mathfrak{g} . Moreover, V_1 is the adjoint representation of E_8 .

Let $q = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}\tau}$. Fix a basis $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^8$ for the Cartan subalgebra. The character of the basic representation is given by

$$\text{ch}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_8, \tau) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\text{ch}V_k)(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_8)q^k = \varphi(\tau)^{-r} \Theta_{\mathfrak{g}}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_8, \tau),$$

where $\varphi(\tau) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$ so that $\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24}\varphi(\tau)$ is the Dedekind η function; $\Theta_{\mathfrak{g}}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_8, \tau)$ is the theta function defined on the root lattice Q by

$$\Theta_{\mathfrak{g}}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_8, \tau) = \sum_{\gamma \in Q} q^{|\gamma|^2/2} e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}\gamma(\vec{z})}.$$

It is proved in [6] (cf. [10]) that there is a basis for the E_8 root lattice such that

$$(1.1) \quad \Theta_{\mathfrak{g}}(z_1, \dots, z_8, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta(z_l, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(z_l, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(z_l, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(z_l, \tau) \right),$$

where θ and θ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) are the Jacobi theta functions (cf. [4] and [8]).

2. DERIVATION OF GREEN-SCHWARZ AND HORAVA-WITTEN TYPE ANOMALY FACTORIZATIONS VIA MODULARITY

In this section, we will derive the Green-Schwarz and Hořava-Witten type factorization formulas in Theorems 0.1 and 0.2 via modularity.

For the principal E_8 bundles P_i , $i = 1, 2$, consider the associated bundles

$$\mathcal{V}_i = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (P_i \times_{\rho_k} V_k) q^k \in K(X)[[q]].$$

Since ρ_1 is the adjoint representation of E_8 , we have $W_i = P_i \times_{\rho_1} V_1$.

Following [5], set

$$\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}}) := \left(\bigotimes_{m=1}^{\infty} S_{q^m}(\widetilde{T_{\mathbf{C}}Z}) \right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_{q^n}(\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{u=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_{-q^{u-1/2}}(\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{v=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_{q^{v-1/2}}(\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right) \in K(X)[[q]],$$

where $\xi_{\mathbf{C}}$ is the complexification of ξ , and for a complex vector bundle E , $\widetilde{E} := E - \mathbf{C}^{\text{rk}(E)}$.

Clearly, $\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}})$ admits a formal Fourier expansion in q as

$$(2.1) \quad \Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}}) = \mathbf{C} + B_1q + B_2q^2 \cdots,$$

where the B_j 's are elements in the semi-group formally generated by complex vector bundles over X . Moreover, they carry canonically induced connections denoted by ∇^{B_j} . Let ∇^{Θ} be the induced connection with q -coefficients on Θ .

For $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$, set

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau) := \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}})) \varphi(\tau)^{16} \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_j) \right\}^{(12)}.$$

Theorem 2.1. $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau)$ is a modular form of weight 14 over $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$.

Proof: By the knowledge reviewed in Section 2, we see that there are formal two forms $y_l^i, 1 \leq l \leq 8, i = 1, 2$ such that

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi(\tau)^8 \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(y_l^i, \tau) \right).$$

Since $\theta(z, \tau)$ is an odd function about z and we only take forms of degrees not greater than 12, one has

$$(2.4) \quad \varphi(\tau)^8 \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(y_l^i, \tau) \right).$$

Since $\theta_1(z, \tau), \theta_2(z, \tau)$ and $\theta_3(z, \tau)$ are all even functions about z , the right hand side of the above equality only contains even powers of y_j^i 's. Therefore $\text{ch}(W_i)$ only consists of forms of degrees divisible by 4. So

$$(2.5) \quad \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) = 1 + \text{ch}(W_i)q + \cdots = 1 + (248 - c_2(W_i) + \cdots)q + \cdots.$$

On the other hand,

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(y_l^i, \tau) \right) = 1 + \left(240 + 30 \sum_{l=1}^8 (y_l^i)^2 + \cdots \right) q + O(q^2).$$

From (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6), we have

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{l=1}^8 (y_l^i)^2 = -\frac{1}{30} c_2(W_i).$$

Let $\{\pm 2\pi\sqrt{-1}x_l\}$ be the formal Chern roots for $(TZ_{\mathbf{C}}, \nabla^{TZ_{\mathbf{C}}})$. Let $c = 2\pi\sqrt{-1}u$. One has

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau) \\ &= \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}})) \varphi(\tau)^{16} \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_j) \right\}^{(12)} \\ &= \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)))} \left(\prod_{l=1}^5 \left(x_l \frac{\theta'(0, \tau)}{\theta(x_l, \tau)} \right) \right) \frac{\theta_1(u, \tau)}{\theta_1(0, \tau)} \frac{\theta_2(u, \tau)}{\theta_2(0, \tau)} \frac{\theta_3(u, \tau)}{\theta_3(0, \tau)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \cdot \frac{1}{4} \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(y_l^i, \tau) \right) \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(y_l^j, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(y_l^j, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(y_l^j, \tau) \right) \right\}^{(12)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can perform the transformation formulas for the theta functions and $E_2(\tau)$ (c.f. [4] and [8]) to show that $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau)$ is a modular form of weight 14 over $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$. Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 0.1: Expanding the q -series, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad & e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))\widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\text{ch}(\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z,\xi_{\mathbf{C}}))\varphi(\tau)^{16}\text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i)\text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_j) \\
& = \left(e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))} \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)) \right) q + O(q^2) \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\text{ch}(\mathbf{C} + B_1q + O(q^2))(1 - 16q + O(q^2))(1 + \text{ch}(W_i)q + O(q^2))(1 + \text{ch}(W_j)q + O(q^2)) \\
& = e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))}\widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \\
& \quad + q \left(e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))}\widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\text{ch}(B_1 - 16 + W_i + W_j) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))} \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)) \right) \widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right) \\
& \quad + O(q^2).
\end{aligned}$$

It is well known that modular forms over $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$ can be expressed as polynomials of the Eisenstein series $E_4(\tau)$, $E_6(\tau)$, where

$$(2.10) \quad E_4(\tau) = 1 + 240q + 2160q^2 + 6720q^3 + \dots,$$

$$(2.11) \quad E_6(\tau) = 1 - 504q - 16632q^2 - 122976q^3 + \dots.$$

Their weights are 4 and 6 respectively.

Since the weight of the modular form $\mathcal{Q}(P_i, P_j, \xi, \tau)$ is 14, it must be a multiple of

$$(2.12) \quad E_4(\tau)^2 E_6(\tau) = 1 - 24q + \dots.$$

So from (2.9) and (2.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad & \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))}\widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\text{ch}(B_1 - 16 + W_i + W_j) \right\}^{(12)} \\
& \quad - \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))} \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)) \right) \widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(12)} \\
& = -24 \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))}\widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(12)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.14) \quad & \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\text{ch}(W_i + W_j + B_1 + 8) \right\}^{(12)} \\
& = \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)) \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \left\{ - \frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j))} \widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)\text{ch}(W_i + W_j + B_1 + 8) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i)+c_2(W_j)))}\widehat{A}(TZ)\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(8)}.
\end{aligned}$$

To find B_1 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}}) \\
&= \left(\bigotimes_{m=1}^{\infty} S_{q^m}(\widetilde{T_{\mathbf{C}}Z}) \right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_{q^n}(\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{u=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_{-q^{u-1/2}}(\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{v=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_{q^{v-1/2}}(\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right) \\
(2.15) \quad &= (1 + (T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 10)q + O(q^2)) \otimes (1 + \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}q + O(q^2)) \\
& \quad \otimes (1 - \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}q^{1/2} - 2\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}q + O(q^{3/2})) \otimes (1 + \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}q^{1/2} - 2\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}q + O(q^{3/2})) \\
&= 1 + (T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 10 + \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} + 3\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}})q + O(q^2).
\end{aligned}$$

So $B_1 = T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 10 + \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} + 3\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}$.

Plugging B_1 into (2.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.16) \quad & \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(W_i + W_j + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 2 + \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} + 3\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right\}^{(12)} \\
&= \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)) \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \left\{ \frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(W_i + W_j + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z - 2 + \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} + 3\widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi_{\mathbf{C}}}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}(c_2(W_i) + c_2(W_j)))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(8)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{ch}(W_i), \text{ch}(W_j)$ only contribute degree $4l$ forms, we can replace $\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)$ by $e^{\frac{c}{2}}$. Then in (2.16), putting $i = 1, j = 2$ gives (0.4) and putting $i = j$ gives (0.5). Q.E.D.

To prove theorem 0.2, for each i , set

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.17) \quad & \mathcal{R}(P_i, \xi, \tau) \\
& := \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}})) \varphi(\tau)^8 \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) \right\}^{(12)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.2. $\mathcal{R}(P_i, \xi, \tau)$ is a modular form of weight 10 over $SL(2, \mathbf{Z})$.

Proof: This can be similarly proved as Theorem 2.1 by seeing that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.18) \quad & \mathcal{R}(P_i, \xi, \tau) \\
&= \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}})) \varphi(\tau)^8 \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) \right\}^{(12)} \\
&= \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \left(\prod_{l=1}^5 \left(x_l \frac{\theta'(0, \tau)}{\theta(x_l, \tau)} \right) \right) \frac{\theta_1(u, \tau) \theta_2(u, \tau) \theta_3(u, \tau)}{\theta_1(0, \tau) \theta_2(0, \tau) \theta_3(0, \tau)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_1(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_2(y_l^i, \tau) + \prod_{l=1}^8 \theta_3(y_l^i, \tau) \right) \right\}^{(12)},
\end{aligned}$$

and then apply the transformation laws of theta functions. Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 0.2: Similar as in the proof of Theorem 0.1, expanding the q -series, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& e^{\frac{1}{24}E_2(\tau)(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(\Theta(T_{\mathbf{C}}Z, \xi_{\mathbf{C}})) \varphi(\tau)^8 \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_i) \\
&= \left(e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) q + O(q^2) \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(\mathbf{C} + B_1q + O(q^2))(1 - 8q + O(q^2))(1 + \text{ch}(W_i)q + O(q^2)) \\
(2.19) \quad &= e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \\
&\quad + q \left(e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(B_1 - 8 + W_i) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right) \\
&\quad + O(q^2).
\end{aligned}$$

However modular form of weight 10 must be a multiple of $E_4(\tau)E_6(\tau) = 1 - 264q + \dots$, so we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(B_1 - 8 + W_i) \right\}^{(12)} \\
(2.20) \quad & - \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(12)} \\
&= -264 \left\{ e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(12)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(W_i + B_1 + 256) \right\}^{(12)} \\
(2.21) \quad &= \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i)} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(W_i + B_1 + 256) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(8)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging in B_1 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(W_i + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z + 246 + \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}) \right\}^{(12)} \\
(2.22) \quad &= \left(p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i) \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \left\{ -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} - 1}{p_1(TZ) - 3c^2 + \frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i)} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \text{ch}(W_i + T_{\mathbf{C}}Z + 246 + \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} + 3\widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}} \otimes \widetilde{\xi}_{\mathbf{C}}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{\frac{1}{24}(p_1(TZ)-3c^2+\frac{1}{30}c_2(W_i))} \widehat{A}(TZ) \cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) \right\}^{(8)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{ch}(W_i)$ only contribute degree $4l$ forms, we can replace $\cosh\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)$ by $e^{\frac{c}{2}}$, (2.22) gives us (0.7). Q.E.D.

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