

# Modular Forms Project: Zero Fourier Coefficients of Eta Quotients

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## 1 Answers and Programs

### Exercise 0.

(1). Let  $a/c \in P_1(\mathbb{Q})$  be a cusp with  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$ , let  $b$  and  $d$  be arbitrary integers such that  $ad - bc = 1$ , and let  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ . If  $F$  is a meromorphic function which is modular on  $\mathfrak{H}$  for some subgroup of  $\Gamma$ , the order of vanishing of  $F$  at  $a/c$  is by definition the order of vanishing of  $F|_k\gamma$  at infinity.

Fix some integer  $m$ , let  $g = \gcd(am, c) = \gcd(m, c)$ ,  $A = am/g$ ,  $C = c/g$ , let  $B$  and  $D$  be arbitrary such that  $AD - BC = 1$ , and set  $h = mbD - dB$ . We have the following matrix equality:

$$\begin{pmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g & h \\ 0 & m/g \end{pmatrix},$$

which we abbreviate into  $\beta_m\gamma = \delta \begin{pmatrix} g & h \\ 0 & m/g \end{pmatrix}$ .

(2). Since  $\eta|_{1/2}\beta_m = m^{1/4}\eta(m\tau)$ , we thus have

$$\eta(m\tau)|_{1/2}\gamma = m^{-1/4}\eta|_{1/2}\beta_m\gamma = \zeta m^{-1/4}\eta|_{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} g & h \\ 0 & m/g \end{pmatrix}$$

for some 24th root of unity  $\zeta$  since  $\eta$  is modular on  $\Gamma$ . Thus

$$\eta(m\tau)|_{1/2}\gamma = \zeta(m/g)^{-1/2}\eta((g^2\tau + gh)/m),$$

and the order of vanishing at infinity of this expression is clearly equal to  $g^2/(24m) = \gcd(m, c)^2/(24m)$ .

(3). Thus, the order of vanishing of  $F_m(r, s)$  at the cusp  $a/c$  is equal to  $(r + s \gcd(m, c)^2/m)/24$ , so  $F_m$  is holomorphic if and only if for all  $c$  we have  $r + s \gcd(m, c)^2/m \geq 0$ .

Now  $1 \leq \gcd(m, c) \leq m$ , and both ends of the interval are trivially attained (for  $c = 1$  and  $c = m$ ), so the above condition reduces to  $r + s/m \geq 0$  and  $r + sm \geq 0$ , i.e.,  $r \geq \max(-s/m, -sm)$ .

### Experiment 1.

Even for  $r \leq 50$  and  $X = 5 \cdot 10^7$  I did not find any zero Fourier coefficient.

### Experiment 2.

(1). We simply write the following naive program:

```

/* Given a power series F with L terms, output
vector of zeros. */
findzeros(F,L)=
{
  my(ct=0,V);
  for(n=0,L,if(polcoeff(F,n)==0,ct++));
  V=vector(ct); ct=0;
  for(n=0,L,if(polcoeff(F,n)==0,ct++;V[ct]=n));
  return(V);
}
L=10^6; /* On a machine with at least 32 GO of main memory
one can go to L=10^8. I only went to 5.10^7. */
E=eta(x+O(x^(L+1)));
E2=E^2; /* Will be needed later. */
E3=E*E2; /* Very lacunary, so useful. */
E5=E3*E2;
V=findzeros(E5,L); V5=apply(x->24*x+5,V);

```

The first entries of  $V5$  are  
[37445, 43253, 44117, 55637, 64565, 76181, 89813, 94205, 104357, 113045,  
...]

To check whether they are really Shimura zeros, and in fact isolate the initial values, we write the following:

```

L5=24*L+5; W=V5;
for(i=1,#W,n=W[i];
  if(n,
    forstep(m=5,sqrtint(L5\n),[2,4],
      r=vecsearch(V5,n*m^2);
      if(!r,print1([i,m]," ");error("not a Shimura zero?"));W[r]=0
    )
  )
);
V5S=vecsort(Vec(Set(W))); V5S=V5S[2..#V5S];
#V5S

```

Don't worry about the one-to-last line. First, since the program does not output an error, we indeed have only Shimura zeros (up to our limit), and the one-to-last line simply removes the zeros that we have added.

If you chose  $L = 10^6$ , you will find 347 zeros, corresponding to 235 Shimura zeros.

I went up to  $L = 5 \cdot 10^7$  and found 2926 zeros, corresponding to 1080 Shimura zeros.

(2).

```

E7=E5*E2; V=findzeros(E7,L); V7=apply(x->24*x+7,V);

```

For  $L = 10^6$  we find two zeros  $V7=[672415, 16810375]$ , and the second component is indeed 25 times the first, so it looks like a Shimura zero, so to be sure we have to go further, and indeed this is confirmed, as is the fact that 672415 is the only Shimura zero I found up to  $L = 5 \cdot 10^7$  (corresponding to  $24L + 7 > 10^9$ ).

(3).

```
E15=E3^5; /* or anything else. */
V=findzeros(E15,L); V15=apply(x->8*x+5,V);
```

This gives 68 zeros, the first being 429, but all the other zeros (including up to  $5 \cdot 10^7$ ) are of the form  $429k^2$ , so once again only a single Shimura zero found.

(4). As mentioned, no other Shimura zeros found up to  $L = 5 \cdot 10^7$  and  $r$  odd with  $r \leq 43$ .

Although not needed or asked for, we comment on the use of the explicit formula for  $\eta^5$ . For  $x + iy \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  coprime to 3 and to  $1 + i$ , define  $\psi(x + iy) = i^m \left( \frac{-4}{x^2 - y^2} \right)$ , where  $m$  is the unique integer modulo 4 such that  $(x + iy)(1 - i)^m = a + ib$  with  $3 \mid b$ .

**Lemma 1.1** *This makes sense,  $\psi$  is multiplicative, and depends only on the ideal  $(x + iy)\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . In other words  $\psi$  is a Hecke character of finite order.*

*Proof.* We have

$$(x_1x_2 - y_1y_2)^2 - (x_1y^2 + y_1x_2)^2 = (x_1^2 - y_1^2)(x_2^2 - y_2^2) - 4x_1x_2y_1y_2 \equiv (x_1^2 - y_1^2)(x_2^2 - y_2^2) \pmod{4},$$

so  $\left( \frac{-4}{x^2 - y^2} \right)$  is multiplicative. Furthermore

$$(1 - i)^m \equiv \pm 1, \pm(1 - i), \pm i, \pm(1 + i) \pmod{3}\mathbb{Z}[i]$$

when  $m \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ , so

$$(x + iy)(1 - i)^m \equiv \pm(x + iy), \pm(x + y + i(y - x)), \pm(-y + ix), \pm(x - y + i(x + y)) \pmod{3\mathbb{Z}[i]},$$

and since  $x$  or  $y$  is not divisible by 3, exactly one of  $y$ ,  $y - x$ ,  $x$ , or  $y + x$  is divisible by 3, proving existence and uniqueness of  $m$  modulo 4, and clearly  $m$  is additive, so  $i^m$  is multiplicative. Finally, multiplying  $x + iy$  by  $i$  amounts to changing  $(x, y)$  into  $(-y, x)$ , so  $\left( \frac{-4}{x^2 - y^2} \right)$  changes sign, and it is immediate to see that  $m$  is changed into  $m + 2$  modulo 4, so  $\psi(-y + ix) = \psi(x + iy)$ .  $\square$

It follows from the last part of this lemma that if  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  coprime to 3 we can set  $\psi(\mathfrak{a}) = \psi(x + iy)$  for any generator  $x + iy$  of  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

**Corollary 1.2** *If  $x^2 + y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  we have  $\psi(x + iy) = \left( \frac{-12}{x^2 - y^2} \right)$ , and if  $x^2 + y^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  we have  $\psi(x + iy) = \pm i \left( \frac{-4}{x^2 - y^2} \right)$  for a suitable sign  $\pm$ .*

*Proof.* Immediate from the lemma by inspection.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.3** *For  $\gcd(n, 6) = 1$ , let  $c(n) = \sum_{\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{a})=n} \psi(\mathfrak{a})$ . Then  $c(n)$  is multiplicative, and for  $n = p^a$  we have the following:*

- (1) If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  we have  $c(p^a) = 0$  if  $a$  is odd and  $c(p^a) = 1$  if  $a$  is even.
- (2) If  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$  we have  $c(p^a) = 0$  if  $a$  is odd and  $c(p^a) = (-1)^{a/2}$  if  $a$  is even.
- (3) If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  we have  $c(p^a) = s^a(a+1)$ , where  $s = 1$  if  $p$  is of the form  $x^2 + 36y^2$  and  $s = -1$  otherwise.

*Proof.* Multiplicativity follows from the lemma. Thus, assume  $n = p^a$  with  $p > 3$ .

If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , we have  $c(p^a) = 0$  if  $a$  is odd, and otherwise since  $p$  is inert we have  $\mathfrak{a} = p^{a/2}\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , and since  $p^a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  by the corollary we have  $\psi(\mathfrak{a}) = \left(\frac{12}{p^a}\right) = 1$ , so  $c(n) = 1$ .

If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  with  $3 \nmid p$  (i.e.,  $p \equiv 1, 5 \pmod{12}$ ), let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be above  $p$  and  $x + iy$  be any generator of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . The ideals of norm  $p^a$  are  $\mathfrak{p}^r \overline{\mathfrak{p}}^{a-r}$  for  $0 \leq r \leq a$ , so

$$c(n) = \sum_{0 \leq r \leq a} \psi(\mathfrak{p})^r \psi(\overline{\mathfrak{p}})^{a-r}.$$

Again by the corollary, since  $p^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  we have  $\psi(p) = \left(\frac{12}{p^2}\right) = 1$ , hence  $\psi(\overline{\mathfrak{p}}) = \overline{\psi(\mathfrak{p})}$ .

Assume first that  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$ , so that if  $x^2 + y^2 = p$  we have  $3 \nmid xy$ . It is then clear that  $m$  is odd, so  $\psi(\mathfrak{p}) = i\varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ , hence  $\psi(\overline{\mathfrak{p}}) = \overline{\psi(\mathfrak{p})} = -i\varepsilon$ . Thus

$$c(n) = i^a \sum_{0 \leq r \leq a} \varepsilon^r (-\varepsilon)^{a-r} = (-i\varepsilon)^a \sum_{0 \leq r \leq a} (-1)^r.$$

If  $a$  is odd, we thus have again  $c(n) = 0$ , while if  $a$  is even we have  $c(n) = (-1)^{a/2}$ , as claimed.

Assume finally that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ . By the corollary we have  $s := \psi(\mathfrak{p}) = \psi(\overline{\mathfrak{p}}) = \left(\frac{12}{x^2 - y^2}\right)$ , hence  $c(n) = s^a(a+1)$ . Since  $12 > 0$  we may exchange  $x$  and  $y$  if necessary so that  $2 \mid y$ , hence  $2 \nmid x$ . If  $3 \mid y$ , in other words if  $p$  is of the form  $x^2 + 36y^2$ , we have  $x$  coprime to 6 so  $x^2 - y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  hence  $s = 1$ . On the other hand, if  $3 \nmid y$  we have  $y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $1 \pmod{3}$ , hence  $4 \pmod{12}$ , and we must have  $3 \mid x$  hence  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $0 \pmod{3}$ , hence  $9 \pmod{12}$ , so  $x^2 - y^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$  so  $s = -1$ .  $\square$

Set  $\eta^5(\tau) = \sum_{n \equiv 5 \pmod{24}} e_5(n) q^{n/24}$ . By Proposition 1.8, we have

$$e_5(n) = (1/8) \sum_{x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 = n} \left(\frac{12}{xy}\right) \left(\frac{-4}{z}\right) z = (1/4) \sum_{\substack{1 \leq z \leq (n/3)^{1/2} \\ 2 \nmid z}} (-1)^{(z-1)/2} z \sum_{x^2 + y^2 = n - 3z^2} \left(\frac{12}{xy}\right),$$

where  $n - 3z^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{24}$ . The inner sum vanishes unless  $x$  and  $y$  are both odd, so setting  $X = (x + y)/2$  and  $Y = (x - y)/2$  we have

$$e_5(n) = (1/4) \sum_{\substack{1 \leq z \leq (n/3)^{1/2} \\ 2 \nmid z}} (-1)^{(z-1)/2} z f((n - 3z^2)/2),$$

where for  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  we have

$$f(n) = \sum_{X^2+Y^2=n} \left( \frac{12}{X^2-Y^2} \right) = \sum_{X^2+Y^2=n} \psi(X+iY) = 4 \sum_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{a})=n} \psi(\mathbf{a}) = 4c(n)$$

by Corollary 1.2.

We can thus write the following programs to compute  $f(n)$ , hence also  $e_2(n)$  and  $e_5(n)$ :

```
global(Q=Qfb(1,0,36));
/* Given $n\equiv 1\pmod{12}$ (not checked), compute c(n).
Q is the fixed quadratic form x^2+36y^2 given by Qfb(1,0,36). */
fun0(n)=
{
  my(fa,lipr,liex,R=1,p,a);
  if(n==1,return(1));
  fa=factor(n); lipr=fa[,1]; liex=fa[,2];
  for(i=1,#lipr,
    p=lipr[i]; a=liex[i];
    if (p%4==3,if(a%2,return(0));next());
    if (p%12==5,if(a%2,return(0),if(a%4==2,R=-R));next());
    R*=(a+1);
    if (a%2 && !qfbsolve(Q,p),R=-R);
  );
  R;
}
/* Assume $n\equiv 5\pmod{24}$. */
e5(n)=
{
  my(limz=sqrtint(n\3),S=0,T);
  forstep(z=1,limz,2,
    T=z*fun0((n-3*z^2)/2);
    if(z%4==3,S=-T,S+=T)
  );
  S;
}
}
```

Note that this program is very efficient to compute a *single* Fourier coefficient, but if one wants all the Fourier coefficients up to a given bound it is still preferable to use power series.

### Implementation exercise 1.

(1).

On my laptop, the commands

```
for(j=4,7,gettime();eta(x+0(x^(10^j)));print1(gettime()," "));
```

outputs 4 24 600 28581 (which are milliseconds), so already more than 28 seconds for  $10^7$  terms. We can write the following trivial script:

```
/* Computes the first L coefficients of eta(m\tau), m=1 by default. */
```

```

myeta(L,m=1)=
{
  my(V,s,n,Lm=L\m);
  V=vector(L+1); V[1]=1; s=1;
  for(i=1,oo,
    s=-s; n=i*(3*i-1)/2; if(n<=Lm,V[m*n+1]=s,break());
    n+=i; if(n<=Lm,V[m*n+1]=s,break())
  );
  return (Ser(V));
}

```

and the commands

```
for(j=4,8,gettext();myeta(10^j);print1(gettime()," "));
```

where we even go up to  $10^8$  outputs 0 4 32 280 2857, so is orders of magnitude faster. The only reason why I cannot go up to  $10^9$  is due to memory constraints, not time.

The Pari library command `eta_inflate_ZXn` goes another order of magnitude faster, the times being 0 0 4 24 216.

(2).

For  $4 \leq j \leq 5$  I obtain times of 92 and 6905 ms respectively.

(3). For  $L = 10^4$ , I obtain a time of 4048 ms, orders of magnitude larger than the 92 ms necessary to compute  $1/E$  directly.

(4). We first write:

```

install(ser_inv,G);
p=nextprime(10^9);
E=eta(x+O(x^(10^5)));
Ep=Mod(E,p);
#
1/E;
ser_inv(E);
ser_inv(Ep);

```

The respective times are 6.9s (as before), 2.2s using `ser_inv`, already three times faster, but only 0.3s (23 times faster) modulo  $p$ . We can also write

```
for(j=4,7,Ep=Mod(eta_inflate_ZXn(10^j,1),p);gettext();ser_inv(Ep);print1(gettime()," "))
```

which outputs 24 296 3609 48152, so even for  $L = 10^7$ , only 48s are necessary to invert eta modulo  $p$ .

### Implementation Exercise 2.

(1). The general program to compute  $F_2(r, s)$  to  $L$  terms could be as follows:

```

/* First part, to be done once and for all,
independently of $r$ and $s$ */
install(ser_inv,G);
global(p,L,Ep,Epinv,E2p,E2pinv);
precompute(L0,p0=nextprime(10^9))=

```

```

{
  L=L0; p=p0;
  Ep=Mod(eta_inflate_ZXn(L+1,1),p);
  Epinv=ser_inv(Ep);
  E2p=Mod(eta_inflate_ZXn(L+1,2),p);
  E2pinv=ser_inv(E2p);
}

```

The syntax of this function means that the second argument `p0` is optional, and if not given will be set to `nextprime(10^9)`.

Note that it would seem more logical to obtain `E2p` and `E2pinv` simply by substituting  $x^2$  for  $x$ , but the substitution function is very slow, except if written carefully for this specific case.

(2).

Once these precomputations done, the rest is as follows:

```

/* Function F_2(r,s), length L, modulo p, both implicit. */
F2(r,s)=
{
  my(E1,E2);
  E1=if(r<0,Epinv^(-r),Ep^r);
  E2=if(s<0,E2pinv^(-s),E2p^s);
  return(E1*E2);
}

```

(3).

```

/* Find list of zeros in correct format. L and p are implicit. */
findzeros2(r,s)=
{
  my(F,Z,ord,den,num);
  F=F2(r,s); Z=findzeros(F,L);
  ord=(r+2*s)/24;
  den=denominator(ord); num=numerator(ord);
  return(apply(x->den*x+num,Z));
}

```

To test our program without going further, we can first write `precompute(10^4)`, then `findzeros2(5,0)` which outputs the first Shimura zeros of  $\eta^5$ : [37445, 43253,...].

### Experiment 3.

Now that these preliminary programs are written, the rest will be the interesting part, i.e., observation. We first write `precompute(10^6)`; which only requires 7.4s.

(1). We simply write `V=findzeros2(-8,24)`, which requires 10.8s. To look at the first terms we write `V[1..10]` which outputs [14, 26, 38, ...]. Indeed, we check that  $V[i] = 12i + 2$ :

```

for(i=1,#V,if(V[i]!=12*i+2,print(i);error("really?")))

```

Since the valuation at infinity is  $40/24 = 5/3$ , the density of zeros is exactly  $1/4$ . It should be easy to prove (at least that these coefficients are zero, perhaps not that there are no others).

(2). Similarly, writing `V=findzeros2(-5,13)` requires 11s, and the first entries of the output are  $[31, 279, 527, \dots]$ . All these values are divisible by 31. More precisely, the valuation at infinity is  $21/24 = 7/8$ , so the elements of  $\mathcal{E}(d)$  are congruent to 7 modulo 8, hence the values can only be of the form  $31h$  with  $h \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , and indeed writing `V[1..20]/31` outputs  $[1, 9, 17, \dots]$ . Thus a hasty conjecture would be that all numbers of the form  $31h$  with  $h \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  are Fourier zeros. However, if you read the exercise carefully, you will notice that I mention *odd* powers of 31. And indeed, we have  $217 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  (and divisible by 31), but  $31 \cdot 217$  does *not* occur as a Fourier zero. On the other hand  $31^3$  does occur. Thus, a more plausible conjecture is that all numbers  $n \in \mathcal{E}(d)$  such that  $v_{31}(n)$  is odd occur as Fourier zeros.

If this conjecture is true, the density of such zeros is  $1/31 - 1/31^2 + 1/31^3 - \dots = 1/32$ , and I have not found any other.

Exactly the same phenomenon occurs for  $(1, 7)$  ( $h \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ ),  $(7, 1)$  ( $h \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ ), and  $(13, -5)$  ( $h \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ ).

In view of this regularity, I believe this conjecture should not be difficult to prove.

(3). Similarly, we write `V=findzeros2(-3,13)`, which requires 11s, and the first entries of the output are  $[1223, 30575, 59927, \dots]$ . All these values are divisible by 1223. The valuation at infinity is  $23/24$ , so the elements of  $\mathcal{E}(d)$  are congruent to 23 modulo 24, hence the values can only be of the form  $1223h$  with  $h \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$ , and indeed writing `V[1..20]/1223` outputs  $[1, 25, 49, 97, \dots]$ . In view of the previous example, we suspect that only the odd powers of 1223 will occur. To check this, we need to compute the first Fourier coefficient divisible by  $1223^2$  and congruent to 23 modulo 24. This is for  $n = 23 \cdot 1223^2$ , corresponding to the  $m$ th Fourier coefficient that we have computed with  $m = (n - 23)/24 = 1433406$ . This is slightly above our default computation with  $L = 10^6$ , so we must start again with, for example,  $L = (3/2) \cdot 10^6$ , and indeed,  $n$  does not occur (instead of looking “by hand” you can use the GP function `vecsearch`). To be really shure of our conjecture, we would need to check that  $n = 1223^3$  does occur, but since  $m = (n - 23)/24 = 76219856$  this would require computing almost  $8 \cdot 10^7$  Fourier coefficients, which is just at the limit of what can be done on a laptop (but of course could be tested on a computer with at least 32G of main memory).

Once again, if this conjecture is true, the density of such zeros is  $1/(1223 + 1) = 1/1224$ , and I have not found any other.

Exactly the same phenomenon occurs for  $(1, 9)$  ( $h \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$ ),  $(9, 1)$  ( $h \equiv 13 \pmod{24}$ ), and  $(13, -3)$  ( $h \equiv 17 \pmod{24}$ ).

Once again, in view of this regularity, I believe this conjecture should not be difficult to prove.

(4). As mentioned, I have not found any other nonlacunary  $F_2(r, s)$  with congruence zeros in integral weight.

### Exercise 1.

(1). We are going to use the full power of the modular forms package of `Pari/GP`. First, as stated, we first write `F=mffrometaquo([8,1;16,7]);mparams(F);`



which answers  $[128, 4, 8, \mathbf{y}]$ , which means that  $F \in M_4(\Gamma_0(128), \chi_8)$  (but we know that all our eta quotients will be cusp forms), and the  $\mathbf{y}$  means that the coefficients will be in the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\chi_8)$ , i.e., here simply rational numbers (in fact integers). The last command `mf=mfinit(F,0)` initializes the space in which  $F$  belongs, the parameter 0 meaning the new space (we do not know in advance that  $F$  is in the new space, but since the command does not give an error, it does).

(2). The command is simply `B=mfeigenbasis(mf)`; . The command `mffields(mf)` gives

```
[y^2 + 2, y^2 + 1, y^2 + 1, y^2 + 1, y^4 + 4*y^2 + 9]
```

which means that the first two eigenforms are (conjugates) and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ , the next six are pairwise conjugate and defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ , and the last four are Galois conjugates over a quartic field.

We will solve the question in the two ways which are suggested.

(a). First, let us use linear algebra. We need to construct a matrix with sufficiently many rows (since the dimension is 12 let us choose 20), whose columns are the coefficients of the eigenforms, but expressed as complex numbers, and then solve a linear system with complex coefficients. For this, we used the Pari/GP function `mfembed` as follows:

```
mftoeigenbasis(mf,F)=
{
  my(B,lim,M,tmp);
  B=mfeigenbasis(mf); lim=max(mfsturm(mf),2*mfdim(mf))+1;
  M=Mat([]);
  for(i=1,#B,
    tmp=mfembed(B[i],mfcoefs(B[i],lim));
    for(j=1,#tmp,M=concat(M,Mat(tmp[j]~)))
  );
  matsolve(M,mfcoefs(F,lim)~);
}
```

After execution of this (general) program on our specific `mf` and `F`, and suppression of the coefficients which are clearly zero (say less than  $10^{-30}$ ), we find as coefficients  $C \cdot [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, -1, -1, 1]$ , where  $C$  is the constant  $C = -0.013975424859373685602557335429570476472 * I$  which the command `algdep(C,2)` immediately recognizes as  $1/\sqrt{-5120}$ . It follows that in fact our eta quotient  $F$  is simply a linear combination of the four Galois conjugates of the last eigenform with simple coefficients.

(b). We now use a more expensive but amusing method: if  $F_i$  are the eigenforms, the coefficient of  $F$  on  $F_i$  is simply  $\langle F, F_i \rangle / \langle F_i, F_i \rangle$ . To compute these Petersson products, we must use the function `mfsymbol`. We assume already computed `mf` and `B` as above.

```
FS=mfsymbol(mf,F);
BS=apply(x->mfsymbol(mf,x),B);
for(i=1,5,
  num=mpetersson(FS,BS[i]);
```

```

    matden=mfpetersson(BS[i],BS[i]);
    for(j=1,#num,
        print(num[j]/matden[j,j])
    )
)

```

Some comments are in order: `mfpetersson(FS,BS[i])` gives a *vector* of results, one for each embedding of `BS[i]` (since `FS` has only one embedding). However, logically `mfpetersson(BS[i],BS[i])` gives a *matrix* of results, the rows and columns corresponding to each embedding of `BS[i]`. Of course, by orthogonality of eigenforms, this matrix is (approximately) a diagonal matrix.

The output of this program is of course exactly the same as using linear algebra.

(3). We simply use the `mfcoefs` command on `B[5]`: more precisely, `lift(mfcoefs(B[5],31))` outputs

```
[0,1,0,-2/3*y^3-14/3*y,0,8*y^2+16,0,...0,56*y^2+112,0,0]
```

This shows that the coefficients  $a(n)$  with  $2 \mid n$  are 0, which is equivalent to  $T(2)$  having zero eigenvalue, since the level is divisible by 2. But we see that  $a(31)$  also vanishes, which means that these last four eigenforms have zero eigenvalue for  $T(31)$ . However, 31 does not divide the level, hence  $T(31)T(31) = T(31^2) + \chi_8(31) \cdot 31^3 T(1)$ , in other words  $a(31^2) = -31^3$  (which we can check by writing `mfcoef(B[5],31^2)` with no “s”), and by induction of course  $a(31^k) = 0$  for  $k$  odd, and by multiplicativity  $a(m \cdot 31^k) = 0$  for  $k$  odd and  $31 \nmid m$ , proving our conjecture. Of course this does not imply that there are no other zero Fourier coefficients.

#### Experiment 4.

We want to search on  $r, s$ , so we do not want to spend too much time on each one. Before focusing on particular pairs, it is preferable to precompute to a smaller limit, for instance `precompute(10^5)`.

Proposition 1.2 tells us that we must have  $r \geq \max(-2s, -s/2)$ , in other words when  $s > 0$  we must have  $r \geq -s/2$ , and when  $s < 0$  we must have  $r \geq -2s$  (we do not need  $s = 0$  since this corresponds to pure eta powers which we have already studied). We want an estimate of the zero density: if it is close to 1, the series is probably lacunary, if it is close to 0 the series has probably no congruence zeros. The total number of Fourier coefficients found is equal to  $L$  ( $10^5$  here for instance), so the density is simply  $|V|/L$ , where  $|V|$  is the number of elements of the vector  $V$  output by `findzeros2`.

However, here we are asked to do a search, and in fact we are going to combine this search with the one asked for in the previous experiment. Computing  $F_2(r, s)$  independently for each  $r, s$  is wasteful since  $F_2(r+1, s) = \eta F_2(r, s)$ . Thus, we need to rewrite our `findzeros2` program as follows:

```

/* Find zeros, given F_2(r-1,s), and output F_2(r,s). */
findzeros3(r,s,F2prev=0)=
{
    my(F,Z,ord,den,num);
    if(F2prev,F=Ep*F2prev,F=F2(r,s));
    Z=findzeros(F,L); ord=(r+2*s)/24;
}

```

```

den=denominator(ord); num=numerator(ord);
return([apply(x->den*x+num,Z),F]);
}

```

The above syntax simply means that if `F2prev` is given (corresponding to  $F_2(r-1, s)$ ) we compute  $F_2(r, s)$  by simply multiplying it by `eta`, and otherwise we compute it from scratch, and in both cases we return  $F_2(r, s)$  as second component of the result.

We will do the search for instance for  $|s| \leq 35$  and  $|r| \leq 50$ .

```

densinner(s,r0,limr0=50)=
{
  my(c,F,V,nb);
  F=0;
  for(r=r0,limr0,
    if (!r,next());
    [V,F]=findzeros3(r,s,F); nb=#V;
    if (nb>1,print([r,s],": found ",nb," ",V[1..min(10,nb)]));
  );
}

```

```

density(lims=35,limr0=50)=
{
  my(r0);
  forstep(s=-1,-lims,-1,
    r0=-2*s;
    densinner(s,r0,limr0)
  );
  for(s=1,lims,
    r0=ceil(-s/2);
    densinner(s,r0,limr0)
  );
}

```

This program (after running several hours, less on multiple processors) outputs a large amount of data.