Certain subrings in classical invariant theory

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Abstract

We have studied E-polynomials which are combinatorial analogue of Eisenstein series. In this paper, we apply this approach to classical invariant theory. The corresponding subrings to E-polynomials are investigated.

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1 Introduction

Eisenstein series are important in number theory. Under the correspondence between combinatorics and modular forms, we have introduced the notion of E-polynomials.

On the other hand, classical invariant theory plays important roles in many branches of mathematics. Igusa [2] discussed invariant theory of binary forms and arithmetic invariants. The connection between the modular forms and projective invariants then was given in [3]. The structure of the graded ring of invariants of binary octavics then was given by Shioda in [8]. In this paper, we construct the analogue theory of Eisenstein series. We apply the notion to classical invariant theory. The computations are done by [1] and [6].

Let m be a positive integer. We take a ground form of degree m

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^{m} u_i \binom{m}{i} \xi_1^{m-i} \xi_2^i$$

While ξ_1 , ξ_2 are transformed according to

 $(\xi_1 \ \xi_2) = (\xi'_1 \ \xi'_2) A$ ("contragrediently"),

f changes into a form of the new variables ξ'_1 , ξ'_2 with the coefficients u'_0 , u_1', \ldots, u_m' where / / \ / \

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_0' \\ u_1' \\ \vdots \\ u_m' \end{pmatrix} = (A)_m \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

We write this correspondence $u' = (A)_m u$ for short. This gives an irreducible representation $(A \mapsto (A)_m)$ of $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ of degree m + 1. We let $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ operate on $\mathbb{C}[u] = \mathbb{C}[u_0, u_1, \dots, u_m]$ by the above rep-

resentation and consider the invariant subring, say S(2,m):

$$S(2,m) := \{ J \in \mathbf{C}[u] : \ J(u') = J(u), \ ^{\forall}A \in SL(2,\mathbf{C}) \}.$$

It is known that S(2,m) is of finite type over **C**. For example, we have

$$S(2,2) = \mathbf{C}[u_0 u_2 - u_1^2]$$

Let M be a graded ring such that each homogeneous part ${\cal M}_d$ of degree d is a finite dimensional vector space over $M_0 = \mathbf{C}$. We can write M as

$$M = \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} M_d.$$

The dimension formula of M is defined by the formal series

$$\sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\dim M_d) t^d.$$

The following formulas are the dimension formulas of S(2,m) for m =2, 4, 6, 8.

$$S(2,2) : \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\dim S_d(2,2))t^d = \frac{1}{1-t^2},$$

$$S(2,4) : \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\dim S_d(2,4))t^d = \frac{1}{(1-t^2)(1-t^3)},$$

$$S(2,6) : \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\dim S_d(2,6))t^d = \frac{1+t^{15}}{(1-t^2)(1-t^4)(1-t^6)(1-t^{10})},$$

$$S(2,8) : \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\dim S_d(2,8))t^d = \frac{1+t^8+t^9+t^{10}+t^{18}}{\prod_{i=2}^7(1-t^i)}.$$

The generators of the rings mentioned are known. For example, S(2,4) is generated by P and Q whose explicit forms are

$$P = u_0 u_4 - 4u_1 u_3 + 3u_2^2,$$
$$Q = \det \begin{pmatrix} u_0 & u_1 & u_2 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ u_2 & u_3 & u_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The ring S(2, 6) are generated by 5 elements J_2 , J_4 , J_6 , J_{10} , and J_{15} . We write the generators of S(2, 6) in Appendix A. In this paper, we deal with only invariants of even degrees. So we omit J_{15} . We denote by $S(2, m)^e$ the even parts of S(2, m).

In order to obtain the useful construction of invariants, we shall interpret the ground form as

$$f = u_0 \prod_{i=1}^{m} \left(\xi_1 - \varepsilon_i \xi_2\right).$$

As usual, we denote by S_n the symmetric group of degree n. The following lemma gives a construction of invariants we expected (*cf.* [2]).

Lemma 1. An expression of the form

$$u_0^r \sum (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) (\varepsilon_k - \varepsilon_l) \dots$$

in which every ε_i appears r times in each product and which is symmetric in $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \ldots, \varepsilon_m$ can be considered as an invariant of degree r.

2 Results

Let g be a positive integer. We start with a ground form of degree 2g + 2

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^{2g+2} u_i {\binom{2g+2}{i}} \xi_1^{(2g+2)-i} \xi_2^i$$
$$= u_0 \prod_{i=1}^{2g+2} (\xi_1 - \varepsilon_i \xi_2).$$

We would like to concentrate on one type of invariants we shall define now. We fix the following polynomial

$$\varphi_{2n} = u_0^{2n} (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^{2n} (\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_4)^{2n} \dots (\varepsilon_{2g+1} - \varepsilon_{2g+2})^{2n}.$$

We denote by G the symmetric group of degree 2g + 2. The group G acts on the polynomial ring $\mathbf{C}[\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_{2g+2}]$ as $F(\ldots, \varepsilon_i, \ldots)^{\sigma} = F(\ldots, \varepsilon_{i^{\sigma}}, \ldots)$. Let $G_{\varphi_{2n}}$ be the stabilizer of φ_{2n} , that is, elements of G which preserve φ_{2n} .

Proposition 2. The group $G_{\varphi_{2n}}$ can be generated by the (g+1)+2 elements

$$(1 \ 2), (3 \ 4), \dots, (2g + 1 \ 2g + 2),$$

 $(1 \ 3)(2 \ 4), (1 \ 3 \ 5 \ \dots \ 2g + 1)(2 \ 4 \ \dots \ 2g + 2)$

and is isomorphic to $C_2^{g+1} \rtimes S_{g+1}$. In particular, $G_{\varphi_{2n}}$ does not depend on n.

Proof. The elements given in Proposition 2 are in $G_{\varphi_{2n}}$. Conversely, since $(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)^{2n} = (\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_i)^{2n}$, the first g+1 elements can be obtained by interchanging of two indexes in each parenthesis. These interchanging are isomorphic to C_2^{g+1} . Let $\tilde{1}, \tilde{2}, \ldots, \tilde{g+1}$ represent $(1 \ 2), (3 \ 4), \ldots, (g+1 \ g+2)$, respectively. Then, the additional two generators come from the generators of the set of all permutations of $\{\tilde{1}, \tilde{2}, \ldots, \tilde{g+1}\}$. This set is isomorphic to S_{g+1} and its generators are $(\tilde{1} \ \tilde{2})$ and $(\tilde{1} \ \ldots \ \tilde{g+1})$ which represent $(1 \ 2)(3 \ 4)$ and $(1 \ 3 \ \ldots \ 2g+1)(2 \ 4 \ \ldots \ 2g+2)$, respectively.

For simplicity, we denote by K for $G_{\varphi_{2n}}$ and by κ the cardinality of $K \setminus G$. The number κ for g = 1, 2, 3 is 3, 15, 105, respectively.

Set

$$\psi_{2n} = \sum_{K \setminus G \ni \sigma} \varphi_{2n}^{\sigma},$$

which is actually an element of degree 2n in S(2, 2g + 2) by Lemma 1. We call the polynomial ψ_{2n} by an *E-polynomial*. We shall denote by A_g the ring generated by ψ_{2n} (n = 1, 2, ...) over **C**. The ring A_g is a subring of the invariant ring S(2, 2g + 2).

Theorem 3. The ring A_g is finitely generated over **C**. More precisely the elements $\psi_2, \psi_4, \ldots, \psi_{2\kappa}$ generate the ring A_g .

Proof. Since the second assertion implies the first, we shall show the second. Let $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_{\kappa}$ be a set of representatives of $K \setminus G$. For each σ_i , the polynomial $\varphi_{2n}^{\sigma_i}$ can be written as

$$\varphi_{2n}^{\sigma_i} = B_i^{2n}$$

where

$$B_i = (u_0 (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) (\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_4) \dots (\varepsilon_{2g+1} - \varepsilon_{2g+2}))^{\sigma_i}$$

Because of the last statement of Proposition 2, the polynomial ψ_{2n} has the form

$$\psi_{2n} = B_1^{2n} + B_2^{2n} + \dots + B_{\kappa}^{2n}$$

for $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ By applying the fundamental theorem of symmetric functions to our situation, we see that A_g is generated by $\psi_2, \psi_4, \ldots, \psi_{2\kappa}$.

The natural question arising from Theorem 3 is if we can find the minimal generators of A_g . On this point, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4. (1) A_1 is generated by ψ_2, ψ_6 and coincides with $S(2,4)^e$.

- (2) A_2 is generated by $\psi_2, \psi_4, \psi_6, \psi_{10}$ and coincides with $S(2, 6)^e$.
 - (3) A_3 is strictly smaller than $S(2,8)^e$.

Proof. We prove Theorem 4 by showing the relationship with the known generators. Starting from g = 1, the polynomials ψ_2 and ψ_6 can be expressed in P and Q as

$$\psi_2 = 24 \cdot P,$$

 $\psi_6 = 2^7 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot P^3 - 2^8 \cdot 3^4 \cdot Q^2.$

Now we continue for g = 2. By J_2 , J_4 , J_6 , and J_{10} , the polynomials ψ_2 , ψ_4 , ψ_6 , and ψ_{10} can be expressed as

$$\begin{split} \psi_2 &= -2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot J_2, \\ \psi_4 &= 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 71 \cdot J_2^2 + 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot J_4, \\ \psi_6 &= -2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot J_2^3 - 2^7 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7J_2J_4 + 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 13 \cdot J_6, \\ \psi_{10} &= 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 15287 \cdot J_2^5 - 2^8 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 29 \cdot 199 \cdot J_2^3J_4 \\ &+ 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 37 \cdot 857J_2^2J_6 - 2^9 \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^6 \cdot 229J_2J_4^2 \\ &+ 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^6 \cdot 2207 \cdot J_4J_6 - 2^5 \cdot 3^6 \cdot 5^6 \cdot 31 \cdot J_{10}. \end{split}$$

For g = 3, the dimension formula of S(2, 8) is

$$\sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\dim S_d(2,8))t^d = \frac{1+t^8+t^9+t^{10}+t^{18}}{\prod_{i=2}^7(1-t^i)}$$
$$= 1+t^2+t^3+2t^4+2t^5+4t^6+4t^7+7t^8+\cdots$$

The dimension of S(2,8) of degree 8 is 7. However, the dimension of A_3 of degree 8 is at most 5.

For the comparation of the dimension formula, we give an example for g = 2. The dimension formula of S(2, 6) is

$$\frac{1+t^{15}}{(1-t^2)(1-t^4)(1-t^6)(1-t^{10})},$$

while the dimension formula of A_2 is

$$\frac{1}{(1-t^2)(1-t^4)(1-t^6)(1-t^{10})}.$$

In the paper [5], the relation between the ring S(2, 2g+2) and the weight enumerators of some codes was discussed. In Appendix B, we give the relations between the weight enumerators and E-polynomials for g = 1, 2.

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Appendix A Generators of S(2,6)

These are the generators of S(2,6) taken from [7].

$$J_{2} = u_{0}u_{6} - 6u_{1}u_{5} + 15u_{2}u_{4} - 10u_{3}^{2},$$

$$J_{4} = \det \begin{pmatrix} u_{0} & u_{1} & u_{2} & u_{3} \\ u_{1} & u_{2} & u_{3} & u_{4} \\ u_{2} & u_{3} & u_{4} & u_{5} \\ u_{3} & u_{4} & u_{5} & u_{6} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$J_{6} = \det \begin{pmatrix} b_{0} & b_{1} & b_{2} \\ b_{1} & b_{2} & b_{3} \\ b_{2} & b_{3} & b_{4} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$J_{10} = u_{0} c^{3} - 6u_{1} bc^{2} + 3u_{2}(ac + 4b^{2})c - 4u_{3}(3abc + 2b^{3}) + 3u_{4} a(ac + 4b^{2}) - 6u_{5} a^{2}b + u_{6} a^{3},$$

where

$$\begin{split} b_0 &= 6(u_0u_4 - 4u_1u_3 + 3u_2^2), \\ b_1 &= 3(u_0u_5 - 3u_1u_4 + 2u_2u_3), \\ b_2 &= u_0u_6 - 9u_2u_4 + 8u_3^2, \\ b_3 &= 3(u_1u_6 - 3u_2u_5 + 2u_3u_4), \\ b_4 &= 6(u_2u_6 - 4u_3u_5 + 3u_4^2), \\ a &= 2(u_0u_2u_6 - 3u_0u_3u_5 + 2u_0u_4^2 - u_1^2u_6 + 3u_1u_2u_5 - u_1u_3u_4 - 3u_2^2u_4 + 2u_2u_3^2), \\ b &= u_0u_3u_6 - u_0u_4u_5 - u_1u_2u_6 - 8u_1u_3u_5 + 9u_1u_4^2 + 9u_2^2u_5 - 17u_2u_3u_4 + 8u_3^3, \\ c &= 2(u_0u_4u_6 - u_0u_5^2 - 3u_1u_3u_6 + 3u_1u_4u_5 + 2u_2^2u_6 - u_2u_3u_5 - 3u_2u_4^2 + 2u_3^2u_4). \end{split}$$

Appendix B Weight Enumerator

We recall coding theory. A code C of length n means a subspace of \mathbb{F}_2^n . The weight wt(x) of $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ means the number of nonzero x_i . The inner product

of two elements $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is defined by

$$x \cdot y := \sum x_i \, y_i \in \mathbb{F}_2.$$

The dual code C^{\perp} of C is defined by the subspace of \mathbb{F}_2^n whose elements are orthogonal to every element of C. If $C = C^{\perp}$, then we call C self-dual. The code C is called *doubly even* if the weight of any element in C is equivalent to 0 modulo 4. The weight enumerator of C in genus g is defined by

$$W_C^{(g)} := W_C^{(g)}(x_a | a \in \mathbb{F}_2^g) = \sum_{c_1, \dots, c_g \in C} \prod_{a \in \mathbb{F}_2^g} x_a^{n_a(c_1, \dots, c_g)}$$

where

$$n_a(c_1,\ldots,c_g) = |\{i \mid (c_{1i},\ldots,c_{gi}) = a\}|.$$

Let $\tilde{\rho}$ be the combination of the Broué-Enguehard map Th and Igusa's homomorphism ρ . In other word, we can say

$$\widetilde{\rho}(W_C^{(g)}) = \rho(Th(W_C^{(g)}))$$

for a code C. We omit the detail of $\tilde{\rho}$ and only say that $\tilde{\rho}$ maps the weight enumerators in genus g to the ring S(2, 2g+2). The reader who is interested in the detail of $\tilde{\rho}$ can refer to [5]. For every code C used here, the expression of $\tilde{\rho}(W_C^{(g)})$ is taken from [5].

We start with g = 1. The weight enumerators of some codes are related to E-polynomials by the following relations.

$$\widetilde{\rho}(W_{e_8}^{(1)}) = 2^{-1} \psi_2,$$

$$\widetilde{\rho}(W_{g_{24}}^{(1)}) = 2^{-5} \cdot 11 \cdot \psi_2^3 - 2^{-3} \cdot 7\psi_6.$$

For g = 2, the relation between the weight enumerators and E-polynomials are the following.

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\rho}(W_{(2)}^{(2)}) &= 2^{-4}\psi_2^2 - 3\cdot 2^{-3}\psi_4 \\ \tilde{\rho}(W_{(2)}^{(2)}) &= 2^{-15}\cdot 3^2\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 20129\psi_2^6 - 2^{-9}\cdot 3\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 7\cdot 11\cdot 31^{-1}\psi_2\psi_{10} \\ &+ 2^{-13}\cdot 7\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 65287\psi_2^2\psi_4^2 + 2^{-12}\cdot 7\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 29\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 149\psi_2\psi_4\psi_6 \\ &- 2^{-10}\cdot 3\cdot 11\psi_4^3 + 2^{-7}\cdot 3^2\cdot 7\cdot 13^{-2}\psi_6^2 \\ \tilde{\rho}(W_{(2)}^{(2)}) &= 2^{-10}\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 6323\psi_2^6 - 2^{-9}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 12143\psi_2^4\psi_4 \\ &- 2^{-10}\cdot 3\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 633\psi_2^3\psi_6 + 2^{-6}\cdot 3\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 11\cdot 31^{-1}\psi_2\psi_{10} \\ &+ 2^{-10}\cdot 3^2\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 633\psi_2^3\psi_6 + 2^{-6}\cdot 3\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 11\cdot 31^{-1}\psi_2\psi_{10} \\ &+ 2^{-10}\cdot 3^2\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 633\psi_2^3\psi_6 + 2^{-6}\cdot 3\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 11\cdot 31^{-1}\psi_2\psi_{10} \\ &+ 2^{-10}\cdot 3^2\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 639\psi_2^3\psi_4\psi_6 + 2^{-7}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 271\psi_2^6\psi_4 \\ &- 2^{-9}\cdot 3\cdot 11\psi_4^3 - 2^{-5}\cdot 3^2\cdot 13^{-2}\psi_6^2 \\ \tilde{\rho}(W_{d_{22}^{(2)}) &= 2^{-16}\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 20507\psi_2^8 - 2^{-13}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 7\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 23\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 271\psi_2^6\psi_4 \\ &- 2^{-11}\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 20507\psi_2^8 - 2^{-13}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 15541\psi_4^4\psi_1^2 \\ &+ 2^{-9}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 27743\psi_2^4\psi_4^3 - 2^{-6}\cdot 13^{-3}\cdot 13^{-1}\cdot 173\psi_2^3\psi_{10} \\ &- 2^{-11}\cdot 7\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 27743\psi_2^4\psi_4^3 - 2^{-6}\cdot 13^{-1}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 107\psi_2\psi_4\psi_{10} \\ &+ 2^{-12}\cdot 3\cdot 43\psi_4^4 + 2^{-5}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-1}\cdot 281\psi_4\psi_6^2 + 2^{-1}\cdot 3\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 13^{-1}\cdot 31^{-1}\psi_6\psi_{10} \\ \tilde{\rho}(W_{4_{4_0}}^{(2)}) &= 2^{-18}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 267941\psi_2^{10} - 2^{-16}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 281^2\cdot 541\psi_2^6\psi_4^2 \\ &+ 2^{-14}\cdot 5^{-1}\cdot 13^{-1}\cdot 17\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 4871\psi_2^6\psi_{10} + 2^{-17}\cdot 3^{-1}\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 2779\psi_2^5\psi_4\psi_6^2 \\ &- 2^{-17}\cdot 5\cdot 13^{-1}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 17\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 59\cdot 4957\psi_3^4\psi_4\psi_6 - 2^{-12}\cdot 7\cdot 13^{-1}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 7187\psi_3^4\psi_4\psi_{10} \\ &+ 2^{-16}\cdot 3\cdot 5\cdot 13^{-2}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot 31^{-2}\cdot$$