

Elliptic functions

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Lattices in \mathbb{C}

Reminder on Meromorphic functions

We call a function f *meromorphic* if it is holomorphic everywhere but on a closed discrete set $D_f \subset \mathbb{C}$, where it has poles. Let \mathcal{M} denote the set of meromorphic functions on \mathbb{C} . It can be checked that \mathcal{M} is a field.

We call $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ a period of a meromorphic function f if $D_f + \omega = D_f$ and $f(z + \omega) = f(z)$ for every $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D_f$. Let $\text{Per } f$ denote the set of periods of f .

Lemma (fundamental-lemma). For a non-constant $f \in \mathcal{M}$ one of three possible cases are true:

1. $\text{Per } f = \{0\}$
2. There is a unique (up to sign) $\omega_f \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\text{Per } f = \mathbb{Z}\omega_f$
3. There are linearly independent $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ (over \mathbb{R}) such that $\text{Per } f = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$ and $\tau := \omega_1/\omega_2$ satisfies $\text{Im } \tau > 0$, $|\text{Re } \tau| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $|\tau| \geq 1$

The proof for this lemma can be found in [1].

Lattice

We will now introduce lattices and mention some of its properties, a lot more can be found in [1].

Definition (lattice). A subset $\Omega \subset V$ of a real vector space is called a lattice if there is a basis $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)$ of V such that $\Omega = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z}\omega_n$.

Note that in the case 3 of the fundamental-lemma $\text{Per } f$ is a lattice in the \mathbb{R} -vector space \mathbb{C} .

Proposition. Every lattice Ω in \mathbb{C} is closed and discrete.

Proof. Let $\rho > 0$ and $M_\rho = \{\omega \in \Omega; |\omega| \leq \rho\}$. We can assume that $\Omega = \mathbb{Z}\tau + \mathbb{Z}$, $\tau = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$, $y > 0$ (by replacing ρ by $\rho/|\omega_2|$).

Thus for $\omega = m\tau + n \in M_\rho$ the following two inequalities hold:

$$\rho^2 \geq |m\tau + n|^2 = (mx + n)^2 + m^2y^2 \geq m^2y^2$$

$$\rho \geq |mx + n| \geq |n| - |mx|$$

Then we can follow $|m| \leq \rho/y$ and $|n| \leq \rho(1 + |x|/y)$ which shows us that M_ρ is a finite set.

A sequence in Ω that converges in \mathbb{C} is contained in some ball with radius ρ around 0. By finiteness of M_ρ we can then conclude that the limit point must be in $M_\rho \subset \Omega$. Thus Ω is closed. \square

Definition (period parallelogram). For a lattice Ω in \mathbb{C} and $u \in \mathbb{C}$ we call

$$\diamond(u; \omega_1, \omega_2) := \{u + \alpha_1\omega_1 + \alpha_2\omega_2; 0 \leq \alpha_1 < 1, 0 \leq \alpha_2 < 1\}$$

a period parallelogram regarding ω_1, ω_2 with basepoint u . If $u = 0$ we can simplify the notation to $\diamond(\omega_1, \omega_2)$. Also one can just write P for any period parallelogram.

Proposition (A). For every $z \in \mathbb{C}$ there is exactly one $\omega \in \Omega$ with $z + \omega \in P$.

Proof. Using the fact that ω_1, ω_2 form a basis of \mathbb{C} we can pick $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $z - u = \xi_1\omega_1 + \xi_2\omega_2$ and then

$$z - u + \lfloor \xi_1 \rfloor \omega_1 + \lfloor \xi_2 \rfloor \omega_2 \in \{\alpha_1\omega_1 + \alpha_2\omega_2; 0 \leq \alpha_1 < 1, 0 \leq \alpha_2 < 1\}$$

\square

Elliptic functions

From now on we will always write $\Omega = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$ for a lattice in \mathbb{C} .

Definition (elliptic function). A meromorphic function f on \mathbb{C} is called elliptic (or doubly periodic) regarding Ω if $\Omega \subset \text{Per } f$, i.e. if

$$D_f + \omega = D_f \text{ and } f(z + \omega) = f(z)$$

for every $\omega \in \Omega$ and $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D_f$. We denote by $\mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ the set of elliptic functions regarding Ω .

The elliptic functions $\mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ form a subfield of the meromorphic functions on \mathbb{C} . The identity is clearly contained, the sum and product of two elliptic functions is again elliptic and also for any elliptic f also $\frac{1}{f}$ is again elliptic. (The identity theorem from complex analysis tells us that $\frac{1}{f}$ is again meromorphic as the zero set of $0 \neq f$ is closed and discrete.)

Liouville's theorems

We will now mention the four theorems of Liouville.

Theorem (A). If $f \in \mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ is holomorphic then it is constant.

Proof. Let P be a periodic parallelogram. By compactness of \bar{P} , there is a $C > 0$ with $\forall z \in P : |f(z)| \leq C$. This bound can be extended to all of \mathbb{C} by using proposition A: there is a $\omega_z \in \Omega$ such that $z + \omega_z \in P$ and thus $|f(z)| = |f(z + \omega_z)| \leq C$.

Then the result follows from another one of Liouville's theorems from complex analysis (every bounded holomorphic function must be constant). \square

For the next two theorems let us first recall the residue and the order: $\text{res}_c f := a_{-1}$, $\text{ord}_c f := m$ where a_{-1} and m come from the Laurent expansion of f :

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \geq m} a_n (z - c)^n, \quad a_m \neq 0, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

From here it can be shown that $\forall \omega \in \Omega : \text{ord}_{c+\omega} f = \text{ord}_c f$ and $\text{res}_{c+\omega} f = \text{res}_c f$ (Thus if c is a pole, so is $c + \omega$) using

$$f(z) = f(z - \omega) = \sum_{n \geq m} a_n (z - [c + \omega])^n$$

Theorem (B). Let P be a periodic parallelogram and $f \in \mathcal{K}(\Omega)$, then it holds

$$\sum_{c \in P} \text{res}_c f = 0$$

Proof. As f has only finitely many poles in P (D_f closed discrete and \bar{P} compact), the sum is finite (almost all $\text{res}_c = 0$). Using $\text{res}_{c+\omega} f = \text{res}_c f$ we see that the above sum is also independent of the choice of P . We can thus choose u such that there are no singularities on ∂P . Now one can use the residue theorem to show that the above sum must equal zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \pm 2\pi i \sum_{c \in P} \text{res}_c f &= \int_u^{u+\omega_1} f(z) dz + \int_{u+\omega_1}^{u+\omega_1+\omega_2} f(z) dz + \int_{u+\omega_1+\omega_2}^{u+\omega_2} f(z) dz + \int_{u+\omega_2}^u f(z) dz \\ &= \int_u^{u+\omega_1} (f(z) - f(z + \omega_2)) dz + \int_{u+\omega_2}^u (f(z) - f(z + \omega_1)) dz = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem (C). Let P be a periodic parallelogram and $f \in \mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ not constant, then we have $\forall w \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$\sum_{c \in P} \text{ord}_c(f - w) = 0$$

And f assumes every value in \mathbb{C}

Proof. Define $g(z) := \frac{f'(z)}{f(z) - w}$. This function is again elliptic regarding Ω . (This follows from the fact that the derivative of a periodic function is again periodic and because $\mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ is a field). Now using that $\text{res}_c g = \text{ord}_c(f - w)$ (see lemma below) we can apply Thm. B to g to get the first result.

Because f is non-constant Thm. A implies that $f - w$ has poles, then because of $\text{ord}_{c+\omega}(f - w) = \text{ord}_c(f - w)$, there also must exist a pole in P . Thus $f - w$ must also have a root in P (because the above sum is zero). As w was arbitrary, f assumes every value in \mathbb{C}

□

Note that this proof also implies that (counting with multiplicities):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \text{number of poles of } f \text{ in } P &= \text{number of poles of } f - w \text{ in } P \\ &= \text{number of roots of } f - w \text{ in } P \\ &= \text{number of roots of } f \text{ in } P, \text{ (pick } w = 0) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma. For g as above we have $\text{res}_c g = \text{ord}_c(f - w)$

Proof. As above, $f - w$ has finitely many zeros z_1, \dots, z_r (with multiplicity $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$) and poles $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_s$ (with multiplicity β_1, \dots, β_s) in P .

For every z_i there is a holomorphic function \hat{f} with no roots such that $f(z) - w = (z - z_i)^{\alpha_i} \hat{f}(z)$ on some neighbourhood. Then:

$$f'(z) = \alpha_i(z - z_i)^{\alpha_i-1} \hat{f} + (z - z_i)^{\alpha_i} \hat{f}'(z)$$

$$g(z) = \frac{\alpha_i(z - z_i)^{\alpha_i-1} \hat{f} + (z - z_i)^{\alpha_i} \hat{f}'(z)}{(z - z_i)^{\alpha_i} \hat{f}(z)} = \frac{\alpha_i}{z - z_i} + \frac{\hat{f}'(z)}{\hat{f}(z)}$$

Thus $\text{res}_{z_i}(g) = \alpha_i = \text{ord}_{z_i}(f - w)$

Similarly for every ω_i there is a holomorphic function \hat{f} with no roots such that $f(z) - w = \frac{1}{(z - \omega_i)^{\beta_i}} \hat{f}(z)$ on some neighbourhood. Then:

$$f'(z) = \frac{-\beta_i}{(z - \omega_i)^{\beta_i+1}} \hat{f} + \frac{1}{(z - \omega_i)^{\beta_i} \hat{f}(z)}$$

$$g(z) = \frac{-\beta_i}{z - \omega_i} + \frac{\hat{f}'(z)}{\hat{f}(z)}$$

Thus $\text{res}_{\omega_i}(g) = -\beta_i = \text{ord}_{\omega_i}(f - w)$.

All the other points in $c \in P$ have $\text{res}_c(g) = 0 = \text{ord}_c(f - w)$ □

Theorem (D). Let P be a periodic parallelogram and $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{K}(\Omega)$, then $\sum_{c \in P} (\text{ord}_c f) \cdot c \in \Omega$

Proof. Let $c \in P$ and $m = \text{ord}_c f$, as before we can write $f(z) = (z - c)^m \hat{f}(z)$ for holomorphic \hat{f} with no roots in a neighbourhood of z .

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{m(z - c)^{m-1} \hat{f} + (z - c)^m \hat{f}'(z)}{(z - c)^m \hat{f}(z)} = \frac{m}{z - c} + \frac{\hat{f}'(z)}{\hat{f}(z)}$$

Thus $\text{ord}_c f = \text{res}_c \frac{f'}{f}$

Then using the residue formula for simple poles we have:

$$\text{res}_c \left(\frac{f'}{f} z \right) = \text{res}_c \left(\frac{mz}{z - c} \right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow c} (z - c) \frac{mz}{z - c} = mc$$

Thus combining both results gives us

$$c \cdot \text{ord}_c f = c \cdot \text{res}_c \frac{f'}{f} = cm = \text{res}_c \left(\frac{f'}{f} z \right)$$

Now we can apply the residue theorem like we did in Thm. B:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2\pi i \sum_{c \in P} (\text{ord}_c f) \cdot c = 2\pi i \sum_{c \in P} \left(\text{res}_c \left(\frac{f'}{f} z \right) \right) = \int_{\partial P} z \cdot \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz \\
& = \pm \left(\int_u^{u+\omega_1} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - (z + \omega_2) \frac{f'(z + \omega_2)}{f(z + \omega_2)} dz + \int_{u+\omega_2}^u z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - (z + \omega_1) \frac{f'(z + \omega_1)}{f(z + \omega_1)} dz \right) \\
& = \pm \left(\omega_1 \int_u^{u+\omega_2} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz - \omega_2 \int_u^{u+\omega_1} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz \right) \\
& = \pm \left(\omega_1 \int_0^1 \frac{f'(u + t\omega_2)}{f(u + t\omega_2)} \omega_2 dt - \omega_2 \int_0^1 \frac{f'(u + t\omega_1)}{f(u + t\omega_1)} \omega_1 dt \right) \\
& = \pm (\omega_1 (\log f(u + \omega_2) - \log f(u) + 2\pi i k) - \omega_2 (\log f(u + \omega_1) - \log f(u) - 2\pi i \tilde{k})) \\
& = \pm \omega_1 2\pi i k + \omega_2 2\pi i \tilde{k}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the result follows. \square

Weierstrass \wp function

Construction of the \wp -function

The definition of the Weierstrass \wp -function is coupled to the following theorem:

Theorem (Construction theorem of \wp -function). The series

$$\wp(z) := \wp_\Omega(z) := z^{-2} + \sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} ((z - \omega)^{-2} - \omega^{-2}), z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \Omega$$

converges in every compact set in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \Omega$ uniformly and absolutely. The function \wp , called the Weierstrass \wp -function, is an even elliptic function regarding Ω , it has poles of order 2 on Ω with residue 0 and is holomorphic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \Omega$. The Laurent series at 0 is

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + a_2 z^2 + \mathcal{O}(z^4).$$

Corollary. (i) \wp is even

(ii) \wp' is odd, has poles of order 3 on Ω and is holomorphic everywhere else

(iii) $\omega \in \Omega \not\equiv \frac{\omega}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\omega}{2}$ is a simple root of \wp'

We will prove (iii):

Proof (corollary). Because \wp' is odd we have

$$\wp'(z + \omega) = \wp'(z) = -\wp'(-z)$$

Note that $\frac{\omega}{2} \notin \Omega \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{2}$ is no pole of \wp and \wp' . Thus we can let $z = -\frac{\omega}{2}$:

$$\wp' \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) = -\wp' \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \wp' \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) = 0$$

Let ω_1, ω_2 be a base of Ω , $P = \diamond(\omega_1, \omega_2)$. Then \wp' has roots $\frac{\omega_1}{2}, \frac{\omega_2}{2}, \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2}$.

By the Laurent expansion, φ' only has one pole of order 3 at 0 in P , by Thm. C also the number of roots in P must equal 3. Thus those roots are all of order 1 and the list is complete.

If z is any root of φ' , there is a $\omega' \in \Omega$ with $z - \omega' \in P$. But then $z - \omega'$ is one of the roots above and thus $z = \frac{\omega_i}{2} + \omega'$ or $z = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} + \omega'$, i.e. z has the desired form. \square

Proof (theorem). We only show the absolute convergence. Let $K \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \Omega$ be compact, we consider $\rho > 0$ such that $K \subset \mathcal{B}_\rho(0)$. Then all $\omega \in \Omega$ with $|\omega| \geq \rho + 1$ are satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right| &= \left| \frac{2z\omega - z^2}{\omega^2(z - \omega)^2} \right| = \left| \frac{z}{\omega^3} \right| \left| \frac{2 - \frac{z}{\omega}}{(1 - \frac{z}{\omega})^2} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\rho}{|\omega|^3} \frac{3}{(1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho+1})^2} = 3\rho(\rho + 1)^2 \frac{1}{|\omega|^3} \end{aligned}$$

and thus $\forall z \in K$

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(z)| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{z^2} \right| + \sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \left| \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{z^2} \right| + \sum_{0 < |\omega| < \rho+1} \left| \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right| + 3\rho(\rho + 1)^2 \frac{1}{|\omega|^3} \end{aligned}$$

Again using compactness of K we now that both the terms

$$\left| \frac{1}{z^2} \right| \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{0 < |\omega| < \rho+1} \left| \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right|$$

are bounded by some constants which does not depend on z . Thus the absolute convergence is a consequence of the following lemma. \square

Lemma. Given a lattice $\Omega = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2 \subset \mathbb{C}$ and some real $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. The series $\sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{|\omega|^\alpha}$ is convergent if and only if $\alpha > 2$.

Proof. The proof of this lemma ask for those three definitions:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(\Omega) &= \text{Sup}\{|z - w| \mid z, w \in \diamond(\omega_1, \omega_2)\} \\ A_\rho(\Omega) &= \#\{\omega \in \Omega \mid |\omega| \leq \rho\} \\ \text{vol}(\Omega) &= \text{vol}(\diamond(\omega_1, \omega_2))\end{aligned}$$

and for a well-known result about lattices which states that $\forall \rho \geq \delta$:

$$\frac{\pi}{\text{vol}(\Omega)}(\rho - \delta)^2 \leq A_\rho \leq \frac{\pi}{\text{vol}(\Omega)}(\rho + \delta)^2$$

We only prove the "if"-part.

Let denote $E_N = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid 0 < |\omega| < N\}$ for $N \in \mathbb{N}$. We then have that

$$\sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{|\omega|^\alpha} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{\omega \in E_N} \frac{1}{|\omega|^\alpha} \right) \leq c_1 + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{N} \\ \delta < n < N}} (A_{n+1} - A_n) \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \right)$$

where $c_1 := \sum_{0 < |\omega| \leq \delta} \frac{1}{|\omega|^\alpha}$ is a constant. Now using the upper and lower bounds of A_n and A_{n+1} we get that

$$\begin{aligned}A_{n+1} - A_n &\leq \frac{\pi}{\text{vol}(\Omega)} ((n+1+\delta)^2 - (n-\delta)^2) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\text{vol}(\Omega)} ((4\delta+2)n + 2\delta) =: c_2n + c_3\end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{|\omega|^\alpha} &\leq c_1 + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{N} \\ \delta < n < N}} \frac{c_2n + c_3}{n^\alpha} \right) \\ &\leq c_1 + c_2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha-1}} + c_3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

This will converges since both α and $\alpha - 1$ are strictly greater than 1. The "only if"-part use the same kind of trick to compare the series with the harmonic one and shows that it diverges. \square

The differential equation

We now want to show that \wp satisfies some differential equation

$$\wp'^2 = 4\wp^3 - g_2\wp - g_3$$

where g_2, g_3 are constant depending only on Ω .

We begin by studying the Laurent-series of \wp at 0. We want to write $\wp(z)$ in the form $\frac{1}{z^2} + a_2z^2 + a_4z^4 + \dots$ in some open neighborhood of 0. The trick that will be used is the following:

$$\forall 0 < |z| < 1 : \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{1}{1-z} \right) = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z^m \right) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} mz^{m-1}$$

Since $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}$ is discrete, we can take $r > 0$ such that $\Omega \cap \mathcal{B}_r(0) = \emptyset$. On $\mathcal{B}_r(0)$ we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(z-\omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} &= \frac{1}{\omega^2} \left(\frac{1}{(1-\frac{z}{\omega})^2} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m \left(\frac{z}{\omega} \right)^{m-1} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega^2} \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m \left(\frac{z}{\omega} \right)^{m-1} \right) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} mz^{m-1} \frac{1}{\omega^{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \left(\frac{1}{(z-\omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} mz^{m-1} \left(\sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{\omega^{m+1}} \right) =: \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} mz^{m-1} G_{m+1}$$

where those $G_k = \sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{\omega^k}$ are called the Eisenstein-series of the lattice Ω .

Those series are absolute convergent for $k \geq 3$ by the Lemma above.

Moreover, $G_k = 0$ for all odd value of $k \geq 3$ by symmetry of the lattice. Indeed

$$-G_k = - \sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{\omega^k} = \sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{(-\omega)^k} = \sum_{0 \neq \omega \in \Omega} \frac{1}{\omega^k} = G_k$$

So our Laurent-series at 0 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \wp(z) &= \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n+1)z^{2n} G_{2n+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{z^2} + 3G_4z^2 + 5G_6z^4 + \mathcal{O}(z^6) \end{aligned}$$

From the Laurent-series of \wp we can compute the Laurent-series of the following functions at 0:

$$\begin{aligned} \wp(z) &= \frac{1}{z^2} + 3G_4z^2 + 5G_6z^4 + \mathcal{O}(z^6) \\ \wp(z)^2 &= \frac{1}{z^4} + 6G_4 + 10G_6z^2 + \mathcal{O}(z^4) \\ \wp(z)^3 &= \frac{1}{z^6} + 9G_4 \frac{1}{z^2} + 15G_6 + \mathcal{O}(z^2) \\ \wp'(z) &= -\frac{2}{z^3} + 6G_4z + 20G_6z^3 + \mathcal{O}(z^5) \\ \wp'(z)^2 &= \frac{4}{z^6} - 24G_4 \frac{1}{z^2} - 80G_6 + \mathcal{O}(z^2) \end{aligned}$$

and this give us the following equation:

$$f(z) := \wp'(z)^2 - 4\wp(z)^3 + 60G_4\wp(z) + 140G_6 = \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

Since $\mathcal{K}(\Omega)$ is a field, we get that $f \in \mathcal{K}(\Omega)$. Moreover the equation tell us that f is holomorphic at 0 (and thus everywhere). Thus we get that f is constant by the first Liouville's theorem. Again by the equation we conclude that $f \equiv 0$. So we get our differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \wp'^2 &= 4\wp^3 - 60G_4\wp - 140G_6 \\ &=: 4\wp^3 - g_2\wp - g_3 \end{aligned}$$

Our next goal is to show that \wp is essentially the only non-trivial meromorphic solution of this differential equation. That is, we want to show the following corollary.

Corollary. Given $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ a domain and f a non-constant meromorphic function on D satisfying

$$f'^2 = 4f^3 - g_2f - g_3$$

Then there exists $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $f(z) = \wp(z + z_0)$ on D .

Remark. This corollary gives us that any meromorphic solution of this differential equation is necessarily elliptic with respect to Ω . This also gives us that the lattice Ω is uniquely defined by g_2, g_3 or by G_4, G_6 .

Proof. The idea is to find some open and simply-connected set $U \subset D$ on which we can transform our differential equation in something of the form

$$f'(z) = g(z, f(z))$$

where g is continuous and Lipschitz-continuous in the second variable and then to use the existence and uniqueness of a solution on U .

So let pick a point $u \in D$ with an open simply-connected neighborhood $u \in U \subset D$ such that f is holomorphic and f' is non-vanishing on U . Moreover, we can take U small enough such that

$$f' = \sqrt{4f^3 - g_2f - g_3}$$

on U for some branch of the square root.

Now by third Liouville's Theorem we know that there exists some $z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\wp(z_1) = f(u)$. Since \wp is even we also have $\wp(-z_1) = f(u)$. And cause \wp' is odd we can take w.l.o.g that $\wp'(z_1) = f'(u)$ (otherwise we just replace z_1 by $-z_1$). Now let define $z_0 := z_1 - u$. We get that both

$$f(z) \quad \text{and} \quad g(z) := \wp(z + z_0)$$

are satisfying our new initial value problem on U . So by uniqueness of the solution, we get that both are equal on U . Finally we conclude that $f \equiv g$ on D by the identity theorem of meromorphic functions. \square

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