

## L-FUNCTIONS OF A QUADRATIC FORM

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $Q$  be a positive definite integral quadratic form in  $n$  variables, with the additional property that the adjoint form  $Q^\dagger$  is also integral. Using the functional equation of the Epstein zeta function, we obtain a symmetric functional equation of the  $L$ -function of  $Q$  with a primitive character  $\omega \bmod q$  (additive or multiplicative) defined by  $\sum \omega(Q(x))Q(x)^{-s}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > n/2$ , where the summation extends over all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ; our result does not depend upon the usual restriction that  $q$  be relatively prime to the discriminant of  $Q$ , but rather on a much milder restriction.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  denote the set of  $n \times n$  matrices in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$  denote those matrices in  $M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  with determinant 1. For each  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , denote by  $A^\dagger$  the classical adjoint of  $A$ , and by  $M'$  the transpose of  $M$ , where  $M$  is any matrix. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be  $n$  independent indeterminants and set  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)'$ . For each  $B \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , define

$$B[X] = X'BX.$$

To each integral quadratic form  $Q(X)$  we can associate a unique symmetric matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  such that

$$(1) \quad Q(X) = \frac{1}{2}A[X] = \frac{1}{2}X'AX,$$

where the diagonal elements of  $A$  are each divisible by 2. Define the discriminant of  $Q$  to be

$$D = D(Q) = \det A.$$

Associated with each quadratic form  $Q$  is its adjoint form  $Q^\dagger$  defined by

$$(2) \quad Q^\dagger(X) = \frac{1}{2}A^\dagger[X].$$

Note that the discriminant of  $Q^\dagger$  is  $\det A^\dagger = D^{n-1}$ , and that for each  $n > 2$ ,  $Q^\dagger$  may or may not be integral.

For each integral positive definite quadratic form  $Q$  in  $n$  variables and for each character  $\omega \bmod q$  (additive or multiplicative,  $q$  a positive integer), the

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$n$ -fold sum  $\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n - 0} \omega(Q(\mathbf{x}))Q(\mathbf{x})^{-s}$  ( $s = \sigma + it$ ) converges absolutely for  $\sigma > n/2$  and uniformly in every compact subset of the half-plane  $\sigma > n/2$ , and so represents an analytic function of  $s$  for  $\sigma > n/2$ . We therefore define for  $\sigma > n/2$

$$(3) \quad L(s, \omega, Q) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n - 0} \omega(Q(\mathbf{x}))Q(\mathbf{x})^{-s},$$

which we call the  $L$ -function of  $Q$  with the character  $\omega$  defined mod  $q$ . We remark here that by an additive character  $\omega$  defined mod  $q$ , we mean  $\omega = e_q(p)$  for some integer  $p$ , where  $\omega(n) = e_q(pn)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; we say that  $\omega$  is primitive mod  $q$  if  $(p, q) = 1$ . A multiplicative character defined mod  $q$  will have its usual meaning, i.e., a Dirichlet character mod  $q$ ; we shall insist that a primitive multiplicative character is nonprincipal.

It is easy to show that  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  always has an analytic continuation into the entire  $s$ -plane and satisfies a functional equation (see the remark at the end of §5). In this paper, we shall prove that under suitable restrictions on  $q$ ,  $\omega$  and  $Q$ , then  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  in fact satisfies a symmetric functional equation. Such results are found in the literature if  $D$  and  $q$  are relatively prime and  $\omega^*$  is also primitive mod  $q$ , where  $\omega^*$  is defined in (9) below when it exists. For example, Stark [8] has proved that  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  satisfies a symmetric functional equation if  $\omega$  is multiplicative and  $(D, q) = 1$  when  $\omega^*$  is primitive (cf. [1]); implicit in his paper is a similar result for  $\omega$  additive. In general, however, the restriction  $(D, q) = 1$  is too strong, as is indicated in [7], where a symmetric functional equation for  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  with  $\omega$  additive is found for  $Q(X, Y) = X^2 + Y^2$  which holds for all  $q$  using a method of T. Estermann [3]. In the present investigation, we shall relax these restrictions. The idea of the proof is to represent  $L(s, \omega, Q)$ , with  $\omega$  additive, as a linear combination of Epstein zeta functions for which the analytic continuation into the entire  $s$ -plane and the functional equation are well known, and then to evaluate the resulting Gaussian sums  $G_Q(q, p, \mathbf{x})$  which appear (cf. (6) below). These Gaussian sums have been studied by Stark in [8] and [9] subject to the restrictions  $(D, q) = 1$ . In this paper, we shall study both  $G_Q(q, p, \mathbf{x})$  and  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  subject to the weaker restrictions

$$(4) \quad (D_q, q) = 1 \quad \text{where} \quad D = \delta D_q \quad \text{and} \quad \delta = (D, q).$$

An immediate consequence of our symmetric functional equation for  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  with  $\omega$  additive and (4) holding is that we can write down a symmetric functional equation for  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  with  $\omega$  multiplicative, subject to (4) and  $\omega^*$  being primitive when it exists. These results are the content of Theorem 3.

It is instructive to see the meaning of the restriction (4) in terms of valuations. Let  $\text{ord}_p$  denote the order valuation at the prime  $p$ . Then (4) is equivalent to

$$(5) \quad \text{ord}_p q \geq \text{ord}_p D \quad \text{or} \quad \text{ord}_p q = 0, \quad \text{for all primes } p.$$

Roughly speaking, these conditions mean that the form  $Q$  should not “degenerate” too much  $p$ -adically. Whether or not  $L(s, \omega, Q)$  possesses a “nice” functional equation if  $Q$  is allowed to degenerate more than permitted by (5) is an open question, though the results in [7] must be kept in mind in looking into this matter.

2. Notation. Before we state the main results, we shall require some additional definitions to those given above. For any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q \geq 1$ , write  $e(t) = e^{2\pi it}$  and  $e_q(t) = e(t/q)$ . If  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  is relatively prime to  $q$ , define  $\bar{p} \in \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$p\bar{p} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}.$$

For any integral quadratic form  $Q$  in  $n$  variables,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , define the Gaussian sum

$$(6) \quad G_Q(q, p, \mathbf{a}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \pmod{q}} e_q(pQ(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}),$$

where “ $\mathbf{x} \pmod{q}$ ” means that each component of  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  runs through a complete set of residues mod  $q$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  represents the ordinary inner product of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ . Also, we define

$$(7) \quad G_Q(q, p) = G_Q(q, p, \mathbf{0}).$$

Suppose there exists a multiplicative character  $\chi_1$  defined by

$$(8) \quad G_Q(q, p) = \chi_1(p)G_Q(q, 1),$$

where the defining modulus of  $\chi_1$  may depend on both  $q$  and  $Q$ . (Actually, if  $q$  is odd, the existence of  $\chi_1$  is guaranteed by Theorem 1, in which case it is described explicitly.) To each character  $\omega$ , we now associate a new character  $\omega^*$  defined by

$$(9) \quad \omega^* = \begin{cases} e_q(\overline{pD}_q) & \text{if } \omega = e_q(p), \\ \chi\bar{\chi}_1 & \text{if } \omega = \chi, \end{cases}$$

provided, in the second case, that  $\chi_1$  exists (cf. (8)). Note that  $\omega^*$  depends on both  $\omega$  and  $Q$  when it is defined.

We now introduce certain roots of unity which play a vital role in our functional equations. Since  $G_Q(q, p) \neq 0$  when  $q, Q$  satisfy (4) (cf. (35), for example), we define

$$(10) \quad \epsilon_Q(q, p) = G_Q(q, p)/|G_Q(q, p)|.$$

For any multiplicative character  $\chi \bmod q$ , define

$$\tau(\chi) = \sum_{x \bmod q} \chi(x) e_q(x),$$

where  $|\tau(\chi)| = \sqrt{q}$  if  $\chi$  is primitive mod  $q$ . Therefore, if  $\omega$  is a primitive character mod  $q$ , define

$$(11) \quad \epsilon(\omega, Q) = \begin{cases} \epsilon_Q(q, p) & \text{if } \omega = e_q(p), \\ \frac{\tau(\omega^*)}{\tau(\omega)} \epsilon_Q(q, 1) \chi^*(-D_q) & \text{if } \omega = \chi, \end{cases}$$

provided, in the second case, that  $\chi_1$  exists (cf. (8)). Note that  $|\epsilon(\omega, Q)| = 1$  whenever  $\omega^*$  is defined and is a primitive character mod  $q$ , which is no restriction for additive  $\omega$  in view of (4) and (9).

Finally, for  $x \in Z^n$ , define

$$(12) \quad E_m(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \equiv 0 \bmod m, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $m$  is any positive integer.

**3. Statement of results.** For convenience in stating our results, we introduce the following

**DEFINITIONS.** For each  $n \geq 2$ , the set  $H_n$  denotes the collection of all pairs  $(q, Q)$ , where  $q$  is a positive integer and  $Q$  is an integral quadratic form in  $n$  variables, satisfying  $(D(Q)_q, q) = 1$ ; also,  $H_n^+$  denotes the subset of pairs  $(q, Q) \in H_n$  for which  $Q$  is positive definite. Further, the set  $H_n$  denotes the set of pairs  $(q, Q) \in H_n$  for which the adjoint form  $Q^\dagger$  is integral [cf. (2)], and finally let  $H_n^+ = H_n \cap H_n^+$ . We shall write  $Q \in H_n$  instead of  $(1, Q) \in H_n$ .

For each  $Q \in H_n$ , let  $A$  denote the unique defining matrix of  $Q$  given in (1), and set

$$(13) \quad N(q, Q) = \text{card}\{x \bmod q: Ax \equiv 0 \bmod q\},$$

for any positive integer  $q$ .

If  $[s_i \delta_{ij}]$ ,  $s_i \in Z$ , is the Smith Normal Form of  $A$  (cf. [5, p. 26]), it follows that  $N(q, Q) = (s_1, q) \cdots (s_n, q)$  and  $D(Q) = s_1 \cdots s_n$ , whence  $N(q, Q)$  divides  $D(Q)$ . Therefore, if  $Q \in H_n^+$ , there exists a unique positive integer  $R(q, Q)$  such that

$$(14) \quad D(Q) = N(q, Q)R(q, Q).$$

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $(q, Q) \in H_n$  and suppose  $p \in Z$  is relatively prime to  $q$ .

(i) For any  $a \in Z^n$ , then

$$G_Q(q, p, \mathbf{a}) = E_\delta(A^\dagger \mathbf{a}) e_q(-\overline{pD}_q \delta^{-1} Q^\dagger(\mathbf{a})) G_Q(q, p),$$

where  $A^\dagger$  is the adjoint of the defining matrix  $A$  of  $Q$  and  $\delta = (D(Q), q)$ , (cf. (2), (7) and (12)).

(ii) For  $q$  odd, then

$$(15) \quad G_Q(q, p) = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^n \left(\frac{p}{N(q, Q)}\right) G_Q(q, 1)$$

where  $(p, N(q, Q)) = 1$  and

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$$

denotes the Jacobi symbol.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $Q \in H_n^+$  and assume that  $\omega$  is any primitive character mod  $q$ , additive or multiplicative.

(i) If  $\omega = e_q(p)$ , then  $L(s, e_q(p), Q)$  is a meromorphic function of  $s$  having a unique singularity at  $s = n/2$  corresponding to a simple pole with residue

$$\operatorname{res}_{s=n/2} L(s, e_q(p), Q) = \frac{(2\pi)^{n/2} q^{-n}}{D(Q)^{1/2} \Gamma(n/2)} G_Q(q, p).$$

(ii) If  $\omega = \chi$ , then  $L(s, \chi, Q)$  is an entire function of  $s$ , provided  $\chi^*$  exists and is nonprincipal.

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $(q, Q) \in H_n^+$  and assume that  $\omega$  is a primitive character mod  $q$  such that  $\omega^*$  is defined and primitive mod  $q$  (cf. (9) and Theorem 1(ii)). Then there exists an integral positive definite quadratic form  $Q^*$ , depending on  $q$  and  $Q$ , such that

$$(16) \quad Z(s, \omega, Q) = \epsilon(\omega, Q) Z(n/2 - s, \bar{\omega}^*, Q^*),$$

where

$$Z(s, \omega, Q) = (qR(q, Q))^{1/n} / (2\pi)^s \Gamma(s) L(s, \omega, Q)$$

and  $\epsilon(\omega, Q)$  is defined by (11). Also,  $R(q, Q)$  is defined in (14).

Note that the right-hand side of (16) is defined even though  $(q, Q^*)$  may not belong to  $H_n^+$ , in spite of  $Q^*$  being integral (cf. Remark 5 below).

**REMARKS. 1.** From the obvious identity

$$(17) \quad L(s, \chi, Q) = \frac{1}{\tau(\chi)} \sum_{p \bmod q} \bar{\chi}(p) L(s, e_q(p), Q)$$

for primitive  $\chi$ , we obtain

$$Z(s, \chi, Q) = \frac{1}{\tau(\chi)} \sum_{p \bmod q} \bar{\chi}(p) Z(s, e_q(p), Q).$$

Therefore, the functional equation for  $Z(s, \chi, Q)$  follows immediately from the functional equation for  $Z(s, e_q(p), Q)$ , which we establish in §6.

2. The decisive step in establishing (16) for  $(q, Q) \in H_n^+$  and  $\omega$  additive is the explicit evaluation of  $G_Q(q, p, a)$  given in Theorem 1(i).

3. In his paper, Stark does not assume that  $Q^\dagger$  is integral. In the present paper, however, not only does this assumption simplify to some extent the proof of Theorem 1, it is essential. Indeed, the form  $Q$  defined by  $X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + X_2X_3$ , whose discriminant is 6, does not belong to  $H_3$  since  $Q^\dagger$  is not integral, and furthermore Theorem 1(i) is easily seen to be false with  $q = 2$  and  $a = (1, 0, 0)'$ .

4.  $Q^*$  is defined explicitly in (31) and (32) in terms of the Smith Normal Form of  $A^\dagger$ . If  $\delta = 1$ , then  $Q^* = Q^\dagger$ , so that (16) is essentially Stark's result in [8] for  $\omega$  multiplicative. For  $n = 2$  and  $Q(X, Y) = aX^2 + 2bXY + cY^2$  with  $(a, b) = 1$ , say, then

$$Q^*(X, Y) = \delta((1 + Ds^2)/a)X^2 + 2sDXY + aD_qY^2,$$

where  $s \in Z$  is defined by  $bs \equiv 1 \pmod{a}$ . This is a fairly direct consequence of (29), since the congruence conditions on the sum are easily seen to be equivalent to the single congruence condition  $ax + by \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$ . Observe that  $Q^*$  is an integral form with  $D(Q^*) = D(Q)$ .

5. The statement of Theorem 3 contains a defect, namely, our functional equation cannot be iterated except in special instances, since  $(q, Q) \in H_n^+$  does not necessarily imply that  $(q, Q^*) \in H_n^+$ . However, if  $\delta = 1$  or  $n = 2$ , this defect does not arise in view of earlier remarks.

4. **Proof of Theorem 1.** For each  $\gamma \in Z^n$ , the automorphism of the group of residue classes mod  $q$  defined by  $x \mapsto x + \bar{p}\gamma$  transforms  $G_Q(q, p, a)$  defined by (6) into

$$(18) \quad G_Q(q, p, a) = e_q(\bar{p}Q(\gamma) + \bar{p}a \cdot \gamma)G_Q(q, p, A\gamma + a)$$

where  $A$  is the defining matrix of  $Q$ . In order to evaluate  $G_Q(q, p, a)$ , the following result is found to be useful. The proof is an easy consequence of the well-known matrix identity  $AA^\dagger = DI_n$ ,  $D = \det A$ .

LEMMA 1.  $AX + a \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  is solvable in  $Z^n$  iff  $A^\dagger a \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$ ,  $\delta = (D, q)$ . If the congruence is solvable, then  $-\bar{D}_q \delta^{-1} A^\dagger a$  is a solution.

To evaluate  $G_Q(q, p, a)$ , we distinguish two cases.

Case 1.  $AX + a \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$  is solvable. By Lemma 1,  $A^\dagger a \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$ . Therefore,  $Da'A^\dagger a = 2Q(A^\dagger a) \equiv 0 \pmod{2\delta^2}$ , which may be rewritten as  $a'A^\dagger a \equiv 0 \pmod{2\delta}$  when  $\delta$  is even, since  $(D_q, q) = 1$  implies  $(D_q, 2\delta) = 1$ ; for  $\delta$  odd, this is trivial. Hence,  $A^\dagger a \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$  implies  $Q^\dagger(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$ , noting that  $Q^\dagger$

is an integral form since  $Q \in H_n$ . Using the solution of  $AX + a \equiv 0 \pmod q$  given in Lemma 1, then (18) becomes

$$G_Q(q, p, a) = e_q(-\overline{pD_q} \delta^{-1} Q^\dagger(a)) G_Q(q, p, 0),$$

where  $\delta^{-1} Q^\dagger(a) \in Z$ . Furthermore, it is easy to verify that this result is independent of which solution of  $AX + a \equiv 0 \pmod q$  is chosen.

*Case 2.*  $AX + a \equiv 0 \pmod q$  is not solvable. We shall prove that  $G_Q(q, p, a) = 0$ . To verify this, replace  $\gamma$  in (18) by  $q_1 A^\dagger \gamma$ , where  $q_1$  is defined by  $q = \delta q_1$ , so that

$$(19) \quad G_Q(q, p, a) = e_q(\overline{p} q_1 A^\dagger a \cdot \gamma) G_Q(q, p, a).$$

If  $A^\dagger a \cdot \gamma \equiv 0 \pmod \delta$  for all  $\gamma \in Z^n$ , then we would have  $A^\dagger a \equiv 0 \pmod \delta$ , contrary to Lemma 1. Therefore, there exists  $\gamma \in Z^n$  so that  $\overline{p} q_1 A^\dagger a \cdot \gamma \not\equiv 0 \pmod q$ , from which the result follows by (19). This completes the proof of (i).

To prove (15), we employ a variation of a technique used by Stark [8]. By Jones [4, p. 65, Theorem 25], we know that for each odd prime  $l$ , and for each positive integer  $e$ , there exists  $E \in SL(n, Z)$  such that  $EAE' \equiv 2K \pmod{l^e}$ , where  $K \in M_n(Z)$  is a diagonal matrix. By the Chinese Remainder Theorem and the fact that  $q$  is odd, there exists  $E \in M_n(Z)$  with  $\det E \equiv 1 \pmod q$  such that  $EAE' \equiv 2C \pmod q$ , where  $C = [c_i \delta_{ij}] \in M_n(Z)$  is a diagonal matrix. Therefore, the automorphism of the group of residue classes mod  $q$  defined by  $x \rightarrow Ex$  transforms  $G_Q(q, p)$  into

$$(20) \quad G_Q(q, p) = \sum_{x \pmod q} e_q(p(c_1 x_1^2 + \cdots + c_n x_n^2)) = \prod_{j=1}^n G(q, pc_j),$$

where  $G(q, h)$  is the ordinary Gaussian sum defined by

$$G(q, h) = \sum_{x \pmod q} e_q(hx^2).$$

It is well known that

$$G(q, ph) = \left(\frac{p}{r}\right) G(q, h) \quad \text{and} \quad |(G(q, h))| = \sqrt{dq},$$

where  $(p, q) = 1$ ,  $(q, h) = d$ ,  $q = dr$  and

$$\left(\frac{p}{r}\right)$$

is the Jacobi symbol. Therefore, (20) implies

$$(21) \quad G_Q(q, p) = \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{p}{q_j}\right) \cdot G_Q(q, 1)$$

and

$$(22) \quad |G_Q(q, p)|^2 = t_1 \cdots t_n q^n,$$

where  $t_j = (c_j, q)$  and  $q = t_j q_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . In order to obtain an invariant interpretation of the product  $t_1 \cdots t_n$ , we evaluate  $|G_Q(q, p)|$  in another way, which is given by

LEMMA 2. *Let  $Q \in H_n$  and  $p, q \in Z$  be relatively prime,  $q \geq 1$ . If  $G_Q(q, p) \neq 0$ , then*

$$(23) \quad |G_Q(q, p)|^2 = q^n N(q, Q),$$

where  $N(q, Q)$  is defined by (13).

We shall complete the proof of Theorem 1(ii) before proving Lemma 2. By (20) and the results immediately following it, it is clear that  $G_Q(q, p) \neq 0$ , so that on comparing (22) and (23), we have  $t_1 \cdots t_n = N(q, Q)$ . Since  $(p, q) = 1$  and  $t_j$  divides  $q$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $(p, N(q, Q)) = 1$ . Therefore, (15) follows immediately from (21), as required.

We now prove Lemma 2. By the definition of  $G_Q(q, p)$ , we clearly have

$$|G_Q(q, p)|^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \bmod q} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \bmod q} e_q(p[Q(\mathbf{y}) - Q(\mathbf{x})]);$$

applying the automorphism  $\mathbf{y} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$  to the inner sum transforms the sum into

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \bmod q} e_q(p[Q(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{x} \cdot A\mathbf{y}]).$$

By appealing to the obvious identity

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x} \bmod q} e_q(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = q^n E_q(\mathbf{a}),$$

$\mathbf{a} \in Z^n$  (cf. (12)), it follows that

$$(24) \quad |G_Q(q, p)|^2 = q^n \psi,$$

where

$$\psi = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \bmod q; A\mathbf{x} \equiv 0 \bmod q} e_q(pQ(\mathbf{x})).$$

Now consider

$$\psi^2 = |\psi|^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \bmod q; A\mathbf{x} \equiv A\mathbf{y} \equiv 0 \bmod q} e_q(p[Q(\mathbf{y}) - Q(\mathbf{x})]).$$

The same argument used above (i.e.,  $\mathbf{y} \rightarrow \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$ ) transforms this sum into  $\psi^2 = N(q, Q)\psi$ . Since  $G_Q(q, Q) \neq 0$  by hypothesis,  $\psi \neq 0$ , whence  $\psi = N(q, Q)$ , as required.



REMARK. For  $(q, Q) \in H_n$ , it is easy to see that  $Ax \equiv 0 \pmod q$  implies  $Dx'Ax = 2Q^+(Ax) \equiv 0 \pmod{q^2}$  from which  $x'Ax \equiv 0 \pmod q$ . Therefore, for  $q$  odd, (23) follows from (24) directly. However, for  $q$  even, this argument does not work. The proof of (23) given above has been designed to avoid these difficulties.

5. **Proof of Theorem 2.** Before beginning the proof of this theorem, we shall require the following information regarding the Epstein zeta function.

For each  $Q \in H_n^+$  and  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the associated Epstein zeta function is defined as

$$(25) \quad \zeta(s, u, v, Q) = \sum_{x \in Z^n, x+v \neq 0} e(x \cdot u) Q(x+v)^{-s},$$

which is an analytic function of  $s$  for  $\sigma > n/2$  and has the following additional properties due to Epstein [2] (for a convenient version, see Siegel [6, p. 69]).

LEMMA 3.  $\zeta(s, u, v, Q)$  has an analytic continuation into the entire  $s$ -plane, which is an entire function of  $s$  if  $u \notin Z^n$ . If  $u \in Z^n$ , then  $\zeta(s, u, v, Q)$  is meromorphic in the entire  $s$ -plane possessing a unique singularity at  $s = n/2$  corresponding to a simple pole with residue  $(2\pi)^{n/2} |D(Q)|^{1/2} \Gamma(n/2)$ . In either case,  $\zeta(s, u, v, Q)$  satisfies the following symmetric functional equation:

$$\left( \frac{D(Q)^{1/n}}{2\pi} \right)^s \Gamma(s) \zeta(s, u, v, Q) = e(-u \cdot v) \left( \frac{D(Q^+)^{1/n}}{2\pi} \right)^{s'} \Gamma(s') \zeta(s', v, -u, Q^+)$$

where  $s' = n/2 - s$  for fixed  $n$ .

REMARK. Lemma 3 is true in a much wider context, though the above is sufficient for the present needs (cf. [6]).

We now prove Theorem 2. By definition of  $L(s, e_q(p), Q)$ , we may partition  $Z^n$  into residue classes mod  $q$  so that

$$L(s, e_q(p), Q) = \sum_{d \bmod q} e_q(pQ(d)) \sum_{x \in Z^n - 0; x \equiv d \bmod q} Q(x)^{-s},$$

which by (25) can be rewritten as

$$(26) \quad L(s, e_q(p), Q) = q^{-2s} \sum_{d \bmod q} e_q(pQ(d)) \zeta(s, 0, q^{-1}d, Q).$$

By Lemma 3, it is clear that  $L(s, e_q(p), Q)$  has an analytic continuation into the entire  $s$ -plane, and further that it is meromorphic in the entire  $s$ -plane with a unique singularity occurring at  $s = n/2$  corresponding to a simple pole with residue as given in Theorem 2. To prove (ii), apply (i) to (17), which shows that  $L(s, \chi, Q)$  has in fact a removable singularity at  $s = n/2$  when  $\chi^*$  is defined and nonprincipal mod  $q$ .

REMARK. In view of the functional equation for the Epstein zeta func-

tion, it is clear from (26) that a functional equation for  $L(s, e_q(p), Q)$  can be written down. It turns out that the functional equation for  $\zeta(s, u, v, Q)$ , together with the condition  $(q, Q) \in H_n^+$ , forces the functional equation of  $L(s, e_q(p), Q)$  to be symmetric. This is the content of the next section.

6. **Proof of Theorem 3 for  $\omega = e_q(p)$ ,  $(p, q) = 1$ .** By multiplying both sides of (26) by  $(D(Q)^{1/n}/2\pi)^s \Gamma(s)$  and applying the functional equation of  $\zeta(s, 0, q^{-1}d, Q)$  given in Lemma 3 we obtain

$$(27) \quad \left( \frac{D(Q)^{1/n}}{2\pi} \right)^s \Gamma(s) L(s, e_q(p), Q) = q^{-2s} \left( \frac{D(Q^\dagger)^{1/n}}{2\pi} \right)^{s'} \Gamma(s') W(s', e_q(p), Q)$$

where  $s' = n/2 - s$  and

$$(28) \quad W(s', e_q(p), Q) = \sum_{d \bmod q} e_q(pQ(d)) \zeta(s', q^{-1}d, 0, Q^\dagger).$$

Inserting the definition of  $\zeta(s', q^{-1}d, 0, Q^\dagger)$  into (28) for  $\sigma < 0$  and changing the order of summation, we find that

$$(29) \quad \begin{aligned} W(s', e_q(p), Q) &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n - 0} G_Q(q, p, x) Q^\dagger(x)^{-s'} \\ &= G_Q(q, p) \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n - 0; A^\dagger x \equiv 0 \bmod \delta} e_q(-\overline{pD}_q \delta^{-1} Q^\dagger(x)) Q^\dagger(x)^{-s'} \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 1.

Let  $S = [s_i \delta_{ij}]$  denote the Smith Normal Form of  $A^\dagger$ ,  $s_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  (cf. [5, p. 26]). Then there exists  $U, V \in SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $A^\dagger = U^{-1} S V^{-1}$ . Substituting this into (29) and applying the automorphism  $x \rightarrow Vx$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , we obtain

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} W(s', e_q(p), Q) &= G_Q(q, p) \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n - 0; Sx \equiv 0 \bmod \delta} e_q(-\overline{pD}_q \delta^{-1} Q^\dagger(Vx)) Q^\dagger(Vx)^{-s'}. \end{aligned}$$

As  $S$  is diagonal, the restriction on the sum in (30) is easily dealt with. For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , define  $b_i$  by

$$\delta = b_i(\delta, s_i) \quad \text{and put} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Define a quadratic form  $Q^*$  by

$$(31) \quad Q^*(X) = \frac{1}{2} A^* [X],$$

where  $A^*$  is the symmetric positive definite matrix defined by

$$(32) \quad A^* = \delta^{-1} B V' A^\dagger V B.$$

Since  $SB \in \delta M_n(Z)$ ,  $A^\dagger(VBx) = U^{-1}SBx \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$  for all  $x \in Z^n$ . Therefore, the argument at the beginning of the proof of Theorem 1(i), Case 1, shows that  $\delta Q^*(x) = Q^\dagger(VBx) \equiv 0 \pmod{\delta}$ , for all  $x \in Z^n$ . Therefore,  $Q^*$  is an integral quadratic form belonging to  $H_n^+$ , so that (30) may be rewritten as

$$W(s', e_q(p), Q) = \delta^{-s'} G_Q(q, p) L(s', e_q(-pD_q), Q^*).$$

Consequently, (27) can now be written as

$$(33) \quad \left( \frac{qD(Q)^{1/n}}{2\pi} \right)^s \Gamma(s) L(s, e_q(p), Q) \\ = q^{-n/2} G_Q(q, p) \left( \frac{qD(Q^*)^{1/n}}{2\pi\delta} \right)^{s'} \Gamma(s') L(s', e_q(-\overline{pD_q}), Q^*).$$

The functional equation in (33) for our  $L$ -functions clearly lacks symmetry in its present form. However, in the special case in which  $\delta = 1$ , we can readily deduce (16) from (33) as follows. First we note that we may essentially take  $Q^* = Q^\dagger$  in view of (29), in which case  $N(q, Q) = 1$  since  $\delta = 1$ . Using (10) and (23), we obtain (16). The general case is more subtle and appears to essentially depend on our tentative functional equation (33) and the residue of our  $L$ -functions at  $s = n/2$ . First note that the functional equation of the Epstein zeta function of Lemma 3 immediately implies that

$$\zeta(0, u, v, Q) = \begin{cases} -e(-u \cdot v) & \text{if } v \in Z^n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Combining this with (26), we find that  $L(0, e_q(p), Q) = -1$ . Multiplying both sides of (33) by  $s$  and letting  $s \rightarrow 0$ , we find that Theorem 2(i) implies

$$G_Q(q, p) G_{Q^*}(q, -\overline{pD_q}) = q^n (\delta^n D(Q^*)/D(Q^\dagger))^{1/2}.$$

By (32), we find

$$(34) \quad \delta^n D(Q^*) = D(Q^\dagger) \det(B)^2,$$

so that

$$(35) \quad G_Q(q, p) G_{Q^*}(q, -\overline{pD_q}) = q^n \det B.$$

Taking absolute values of (35), and applying Lemma 2, as we may since the right-hand side of (35) is nonzero, we obtain

$$N(q, Q) N(q, Q^*) = \det(B)^2,$$

whence (34) becomes

$$(36) \quad \delta^n D(Q^*) = D(Q^\dagger) N(q, Q) N(q, Q^*).$$

Combining this result with (14), our tentative functional equation (33) can now be rewritten as

$$Z(s, e_q(p), Q) = q^{-n/2} N(q, Q)^{-1/2} G_Q(q, p) Z(s', e_q(-\overline{pD_q}), Q^*),$$

as claimed, in view of (10) and (23).

7. **Some final observations.** (35) may be interpreted as a kind of reciprocity law for our Gaussian sums  $G_Q(q, p)$ , which may be described equivalently by  $\epsilon_{Q^*}(q, \overline{pD_q}) = \epsilon_Q(q, p)$ .

It is worth noting that Stark [8, p. 43, Lemma 10] has introduced another type of reciprocity law for these Gaussian sums, namely,

$$(37) \quad G_Q(q, 1) = q^{n/2} D(Q)^{1/2-n} e_8(n) G_{Q^\dagger}(D, -q)$$

which holds for all  $Q \in H_n^+$ ; the proof of this is a consequence of the analytic properties of the theta function of  $Q$ . In fact Stark introduced (37) precisely so that he could obtain the results in Theorem 1(ii) for arbitrary  $q$ , subject to his restriction that  $(q, D(Q)) = 1$ . Furthermore (37) can be used to extend Theorem 1(ii) to include the case of even  $q$ , provided  $(q, Q) \in H_n$ , but at the expense of considerable complications (cf. [8]).

From (37), one can deduce

$$D(Q^\dagger) N(q, Q) = \delta^n N(D_q, Q^\dagger),$$

so that on combining this with (36), we obtain the following interpretation of  $R(q, Q^*)$ , which can also be verified directly:

$$R(q, Q^*) = N(D_q, Q^\dagger).$$

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