

On The Number of Representations of a Positive Integer By Certain Binary Quadratic Forms Belonging To Multi-Class Genera

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Abstract

It is well known how to find the formulae for the number of representations of positive integers by the positive binary quadratic forms which belong to one-class genera. In this paper we obtain the formulae for the number of representations by certain binary forms with discriminants -80 and -128 belonging to the genera having two classes.

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I. Introduction

Let $r(n; f)$ denote a number of representations of a positive integer n by a positive definite quadratic form f with a number of variables s . It is well known that, for case $s > 4$, $r(n; f)$ can be represented as

$$r(n; f) = \rho(n; f) + \nu(n; f),$$

where $\rho(n; f)$ is a “singular series” and $\nu(n; f)$ is a Fourier coefficient of cusp form. This can be expressed in terms of the theory of modular forms by stating that

$$\mathcal{G}(\tau; f) = E(\tau; f) + X(\tau), \tag{1}$$

$$\mathcal{G}(\tau; f) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r(n; f) Q^n,$$

where $\tau \in H = \{\tau : \text{Im} \tau > 0\}$, $Q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$, $X(\tau)$ is a cusp form and

$$E(\tau, f) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho(n; f) Q^n$$

is the Eisenstein series corresponding to f .

Siegel [1] proved that if the number of variables of a quadratic form f is $s > 4$, then

$$E(\tau; f) = F(\tau; f), \tag{2}$$

where $F(\tau; f)$ denote a theta-series of a genus containing a primitive quadratic form f (both positive-definite and indefinite).

From formula (2) follows the well-known Siegel’s theorem [1]: the sum of the singular series corresponding to the quadratic form f is equal to the average number of representations of a natural number by a genus that contains the form f .

Later Ramanathan [2] proved that for any primitive integral quadratic form with $s \geq 3$ variables (except for zero forms with variables $s = 3$ and zero forms

with variables $s = 4$ whose discriminant is a perfect square), there is a function

$$E(\tau, z; f) = 1 + \frac{e^{\frac{(2m-s)\pi i}{4}}}{|d|^2} \times \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{H=-\infty \\ (H,q)=1}}^{\infty} \frac{S(f; H; q)}{q^{\frac{s}{2}} (q\tau - H)^{\frac{m}{2}} (q\bar{\tau} - H)^{\frac{s-m}{2}} |q\tau - H|^z},$$

which he called the Eisenstein-Siegel series and which is regular for any fixed τ when $\text{Im} \tau > 0$ and

$\text{Re } z > 2 - \frac{s}{2}$, analytically extendable in a neighborhood of $z = 0$, and that

$$F(\tau; f) = E(\tau, z; f)|_{z=0} \tag{3}$$

Here m and d are respectively the inertia index and discriminant of f , $S(f; H; q)$ is the Gaussian sum. For $s > 4$ the function $E(\tau, z; f)|_{z=0}$ coincides with the function $E(\tau, f)$ and the formula (3) with Siegel’s formula (2).

In [3] we proved that the function $E(\tau, z; f)$ is analytically extendable in a neighborhood of $z = 0$ also in the case where f is any nonzero integral quadratic form and that

$$F(\tau; f) = \frac{1}{2} E(\tau, z; f)|_{z=0}$$

further, having defined the Eisenstein’s series $E(\tau, f)$ by the formulas

$$E(\tau; f) = \frac{1}{2} E(\tau, z; f)|_{z=0} \text{ for } s = 2 \text{ and}$$

$$E(\tau; f) = E(\tau, z; f)|_{z=0} \text{ for } s > 2, \text{ we have}$$

$$E(\tau, f) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=12}^{\infty} \rho(n; f) Q^n \text{ for } s = 2 \text{ and}$$

$E(\tau, f) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho(n; f) Q^n$ for $s > 2$. Moreover,

convenient formulas are obtained for calculating of values of the function $\rho(n; f)$ in the case where f is any positive integral form of variables $s \geq 2$ [4], [5].

Thus, if the genus of the quadratic form f contains one class, then according to Siegel's theorem,

$$r(n; f) = \rho(n; f) \text{ for } s \geq 3, \quad r(n; f) = \frac{1}{2} \rho(n; f)$$

for $s = 2$ and in that case the problem for obtaining "exact" formulas for $r(n; f)$ is solved completely.

Some papers are devoted to the case of multi-class genera. For example Van der Blij [6], Lomadze [7], Vepkhvadze [5] have obtained formulae for $r(n; f)$ for certain special binary forms, which belong to multi-class genera. In most cases their formulae for $r(n; f)$ depend upon the coefficients in the expansion of certain products of theta functions.

In this paper we obtain formulae for the number of representations by the binary quadratic forms

$$3x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 7x_2^2, \quad 3x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 7x_2^2, \\ 3x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 11x_2^2 \quad \text{and} \quad 3x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 11x_2^2$$

belonging to the two-class genera.

II. Preliminaries

Below in this paper n, κ, v, ω are positive integers; $l, \mathfrak{a}, \alpha, \beta$ are non-negative integers; u is an odd positive integer, m, h are integers, p is a prime number; $\left(\frac{h}{u}\right)$ is a Legendre-Jacobi symbol; $r(n; f)$

denote the number of representations of a positive integer n by the positive binary quadratic form f with determinant Δ .

Lemma 1 ([4], Lemma 14). Let

$$L(\kappa; m) = \sum_{u=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{u}\right) \frac{1}{u^\kappa},$$

ω is a square-free integer. Then

$$L(1, -\omega) = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ if } \omega = 1; \\ = \frac{\pi}{\omega^{1/2}} \sum_{1 \leq h \leq \frac{\omega}{4}} \left(\frac{h}{\omega}\right) \text{ if } \omega \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \omega > 1, \\ = \frac{\pi}{2\omega^{1/2}} \sum_{1 \leq h \leq \frac{\omega}{2}} \left(\frac{h}{\omega}\right) \text{ if } \omega \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ = \frac{\pi}{2^{3/2}} \text{ if } \omega = 2,$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{\omega^{1/2}} \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq h \leq \frac{\omega}{16}} \left(\frac{h}{2\omega}\right) - \sum_{\frac{3\omega}{16} < h \leq \frac{\omega}{4}} \left(\frac{h}{2\omega}\right) \right\} \\ \text{if } \omega \equiv 2 \pmod{8}, \quad \omega > 2, \\ = \frac{\pi}{\omega^{1/2}} \sum_{\frac{\omega}{16} < h \leq \frac{3\omega}{16}} \left(\frac{h}{2\omega}\right) \text{ if } \omega \equiv 6 \pmod{8}.$$

Lemma 2 ([4], Theorem 2). Let

$f = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$ is a positive binary quadratic form with determinant $\Delta = ac - b^2$, $(a, 2b, c) = 1$,

$(a, 2\Delta) = 1$, $\Delta = r^2\omega$, $\Delta = 2^{\mathfrak{a}}\Delta_1(2\mathfrak{t}\Delta_1)$, $p^l \parallel \Delta$,

$p^\beta \parallel n$. $\rho(n; f)$ is a "sum of a generalized singular series" corresponding to f , $n = 2^\alpha m$, $p > 2$,

$p^l \parallel \Delta$, $p^\beta \parallel n$, $u = \prod_{\substack{p|n \\ p \nmid 2\Delta}} p^\beta$. Then

$$\rho(n; f) = \frac{\pi \chi_2 \prod_{p|\Delta, p>2} \chi_p \sum_{v|u} \left(\frac{-\Delta}{v}\right)}{\Delta^{1/2} \prod_{p|\tau, p>2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{-\omega}{p}\right) \frac{1}{p} L(1, -\omega)\right)}$$

where

$$\chi_2 = 2^{\frac{1}{2}\alpha+2}, \quad \text{if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq \mathfrak{a}-3, \quad 2|\alpha, \\ m \equiv a \pmod{8};$$

$$= 0, \quad \text{if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq \mathfrak{a}-3, \quad 2|\alpha, \\ m \not\equiv a \pmod{8},$$

$$\text{or } 0 \leq \alpha \leq \mathfrak{a}-1, \quad 2 \nmid \alpha;$$

$$= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{m-a}{2}}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{a}}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \quad \alpha = \mathfrak{a}-2;$$

$$= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}(m-a)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{a}}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \quad \alpha \geq \mathfrak{a}, \quad 2|\alpha,$$

$$\Delta_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4};$$

$$= 2^{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{a}}, \quad \text{if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \quad \alpha = \mathfrak{a}, \quad \Delta_1 \equiv -1 \pmod{4};$$

$$= \left(2 - (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(\Delta_1+1)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{a}} + \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(\Delta_1+1)}\right) (\alpha - \mathfrak{a} - 2) 2^{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{a}-1}$$

$$, \quad \text{if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \quad \alpha > \mathfrak{a}, \quad 2|\alpha, \quad \Delta_1 \equiv -1 \pmod{4};$$

$$= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(\Delta_1-1) + \frac{1}{2}(m-a)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{a}}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a},$$

$$\alpha \geq \mathfrak{a}+1,$$

$$2 \nmid \alpha, \quad \Delta_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4};$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(\Delta_1+1)}\right) (\alpha - \mathfrak{a} - 1) 2^{\frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{a}-1)}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \\
 &\quad \alpha \geq \mathfrak{a} + 1, 2|\alpha, \Delta_1 \equiv -1 \pmod{4}. \\
 &= 2^{\frac{1}{2}\alpha+2}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, 0 \leq \alpha \leq \mathfrak{a} - 3, 2|\alpha, \\
 &\quad m \equiv a \pmod{8}; \\
 &= 0, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, 0 \leq \alpha \leq \mathfrak{a} - 3, 2|\alpha, \\
 &\quad m \not\equiv a \pmod{8}, \\
 &\quad \text{or } 0 \leq \alpha \leq \mathfrak{a} - 2, 2|\alpha; \\
 &= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(m-a)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{a}-1)}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \alpha \geq \mathfrak{a} - 1, \\
 &\quad 2|\alpha, m \equiv \alpha \pmod{8}; \\
 \chi_2 &= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(m+a) + \frac{1}{2}(m-\Delta_1 a)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{a}-1)}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \\
 &\quad \alpha \geq \mathfrak{a} - 1, 2|\alpha, m \equiv -\alpha \pmod{4}; \\
 &= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(m-\Delta_1 a)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{a}-1)}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \alpha \geq \mathfrak{a}, \\
 &\quad 2|\alpha, \\
 &\quad m \equiv \Delta_1 a \pmod{4}; \\
 &= \left(1 + (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(m+\Delta_1 a) + \frac{1}{2}(m-a)}\right) 2^{\frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{a}-1)}, \text{ if } 2|\mathfrak{a}, \\
 &\quad \alpha \geq \mathfrak{a}, \\
 &\quad 2|\alpha, m \equiv -\Delta_1 a \pmod{4}. \\
 \chi_p &= \left(1 + \left(\frac{p^{-\beta} na}{p}\right)\right) p^{\frac{1}{2}\beta}, \text{ if } l \geq \beta + 1, 2|\beta; \\
 &= 0, \text{ if } l \geq \beta + 1, 2\nmid\beta; \\
 &= \left(1 - \left(\frac{-p^{-l}\Delta}{p}\right) \frac{1}{p}\right) \left\{1 + \left(\frac{-p^{-l}\Delta}{p}\right) \frac{\beta - l}{2}\right\} p^{l/2}, \\
 &\quad \text{if } l \leq \beta, 2|l, 2|\beta; \\
 &= \left(1 - \left(\frac{-p^{-l}\Delta}{p}\right) \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{-p^{-l}\Delta}{p}\right) \frac{\beta - l + 1}{2}\right) p^{l/2}, \\
 &\quad \text{if } l \leq \beta, 2|l, 2\nmid\beta; \\
 &= \left\{1 + \left(\frac{p^{-l}\Delta}{p}\right)^{\beta+1} \left(\frac{p^{-(\beta+1)} na\Delta}{p}\right)\right\} p^{\frac{1}{2}(l-1)}, \\
 &\quad \text{if } l \leq \beta, 2\nmid l.
 \end{aligned}$$

III. Basic results

The set of forms with discriminant -80 splits into genera of forms and each genus consists two reduced classes of forms which are respectively

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1 &= 3x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 7x_2^2, \quad f_2 = 3x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 7x_2^2 \\
 &\quad \text{and} \\
 f_3 &= x_1^2 + 20x_2^2, \quad f_4 = 4x_1^2 + 5x_2^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

P. Kaplan and K.S. Williams [6] have obtained formulae for the number of representations of an even positive integer n by the forms f_3 and f_4 .

It is obvious that

$$r(n; f_1) = r(n; f_2).$$

Thus by Siegel's theorem

$$r(n; f_1) = r(n; f_2) = \frac{1}{2} \rho(n; f_1).$$

The function $\rho(n; f_1)$ may be calculated by the Lemma 2. So we have

Theorem 1. Let $n = 2^\alpha 5^\beta u$, $(u, 10) = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(n; f_1) &= r(n; f_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{u}{5}\right)\right) \sum_{v|u} \left(\frac{-5}{v}\right) \\
 &\quad \text{for } \alpha = 0, u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\
 &= \left(1 - (-1)^\alpha \left(\frac{u}{5}\right)\right) \sum_{v|u} \left(\frac{-5}{v}\right) \\
 &\quad \text{for } 2|\alpha, \alpha \geq 2, u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\
 &\quad \text{or} \\
 &\quad \text{for } \alpha \geq 2, 2|\alpha, \\
 &\quad u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\
 &= 0 \text{ otherwise.}
 \end{aligned}$$

The set of forms with discriminant -128 splits into two genera of forms and each genus consists two reduced classes of forms which are respectively

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_5 &= 3x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 11x_2^2, \quad f_6 = 3x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 11x_2^2 \\
 &\quad \text{and} \\
 f_7 &= x_1^2 + 32x_2^2, \quad f_8 = 4x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 9x_2^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

P. Kaplan and K.S. Williams [8] have obtained formulae for the number of representations of an even positive integer n by the forms f_6 and f_7 .

It is obvious that

$$r(n; f_5) = r(n; f_6).$$

Thus by Siegel's theorem

$$r(n; f_5) = r(n; f_6) = \frac{1}{2} \rho(n; f_5).$$

The function $\rho(n; f_5)$ can be calculated by the Lemma 2.

So we have

Theorem 2. Let $n = 2^\alpha u$, $(u, 2) = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(n; f_5) &= r(n; f_6) = \sum_{v|u} \left(\frac{-2}{v}\right) \text{ for } \alpha = 0, \\
 &\quad u \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\
 &= 2 \sum_{v|u} \left(\frac{-2}{v}\right) \text{ for } \alpha = 2, u \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\
 &\quad \text{and} \\
 &\quad \text{for } \alpha \geq 4, u \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\
 &\quad \text{or } u \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\
 &= 0 \text{ otherwise.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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