

ON THE QUADRATIC FORM OF TYPE $(-2, q, 1)$ WITH
DISCRIMINANT q^2

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Abstract

The quadratic form of type $(-2, q, 1)$ are derived. Explicit formulas are obtained for $q \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$. These quadratic forms are reduced. Then it is shown how formulae can be obtained for the number of representations of positive integers by means the constructed quadratic forms.

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1 Introduction

Let

$$Q(x) = Q(x_1, \dots, x_f) = \sum_{0 \leq r \leq s \leq f} b_{rs} x_r x_s \quad (1.1)$$

be an integer positive definite quadratic form in an even number f of variables. That is, $b_{rs} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $Q(x) > 0$ if $x \neq 0$. To $Q(x)$ we associate the even integral symmetric $f \times f$ matrix A defined by $a_{rr} = 2b_{rr}$ and $a_{rs} = a_{sr} = b_{rs}$, where $r \leq s$. If $X = [x_1, \dots, x_f]'$ denotes a column vector, where $'$ denotes the transpose, then we have $Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} X' A X$. Let A_{ij} denote the cofactor to the element a_{ij} in $D = \det A$ and a_{ij}^* the corresponding element of A^{-1} . $\Delta = (-1)^{\frac{f}{2}} D$ denote the discriminant of the quadratic form $Q(x)$;

$$\delta = \gcd \left(\frac{1}{2} A_{rr}, A_{rs} \right) \quad (r, s = 1, 2, \dots, f),$$

$N = \frac{D}{\delta}$ is the step of quadratic form $Q(x)$; $\chi(d)$ is a character of quadratic form $Q(x)$, e.i. if Δ is square, then $\chi(d) = 1$, and if Δ is not square, then

$$\chi(d) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{d}{|\Delta|} \right) & \text{if } d > 0, \\ (-1)^{\frac{f}{2}} \chi(-d) & \text{if } d < 0, \end{cases}$$

where $(\frac{d}{|\Delta|})$ is the generalized Jacobi symbol. A positive quadratic form of weight $\frac{f}{2}$, step N and character χ is called a quadratic form of type $(-\frac{f}{2}, N, \chi)$.

Below we shall use the notions, notation and some results from [1]. In the follows q is odd prime, $z = \exp(2\pi i\tau)$, $\text{Im } \tau > 0$.

A homogeneous polynomial $P_\nu(x) = P_\nu(x_1, \dots, x_f)$ of degree ν with complex coefficients, satisfying the condition

$$\sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq f} a_{ij}^* \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) = 0,$$

is called a spherical polynomial of order ν with respect to $Q(x)$ (see [2]).

It is known, that ([1], pp. 874, 817) if $Q(x)$ is a quadratic form of type $(-k, q, 1)$, $2|k$, $k > 2$, then the discriminant

$$\Delta = q^{2l} \quad 1 \leq l \leq k - 1 \tag{1.2}$$

and

$$E(\tau, Q(x)) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha \sigma_{k-1}(n) z^n + \beta \sigma_{k-1}(n) z^{qn}) \tag{1.3}$$

is the corresponding Eisenstein series, where $\sigma_{k-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^{k-1}$ and

$$\alpha = \frac{i^k}{\rho_k} \frac{q^{k-l} - i^k}{q^k - 1}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{\rho_k} \frac{q^k - i^k q^{k-l}}{q^k - 1},$$

$$\rho_k = (-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} \frac{(k-1)!}{(2\pi)^k} \zeta(k), \quad (\zeta(k) \text{ is the Riemann } \zeta\text{-function})$$

In particular,

$$\rho_4 = \frac{1}{240}.$$

For each positive quadratic form $Q(x)$

$$\vartheta(\tau, Q(x)) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r(n, Q(x)) z^n \tag{1.4}$$

is the corresponding theta-series, where $r(n, Q(x))$ denote the number of representation of the positive integer n by the quadratic form $Q(x)$.

Let quadratic form $Q(x)$ has a form (1.1) and

$$4b_{11}Q(x) = (2b_{11}x_1 + b_{12}x_2 + \cdots, b_{1f}x_f)^2 + G(x_2, \cdots, x_f).$$

Lemma 1. ([3], p.10) *The quadratic form $Q(x)$ is reduced by Hermite, if*

$$\min Q(x) = |b_{11}| > 0, |b_{1j}| \leq |b_{11}| \quad (j = 2, 3, \cdots, f)$$

and $G(x_2, \cdots, x_f)$ is reduced.

Lemma 2. ([1], p. 853) *Among homogenous quadratic polynomials in f variables*

$$\varphi_{ij} = x_i x_j - \frac{A_{ij}}{fD} 2Q(X) \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, f)$$

exactly $\frac{f(f+1)}{2} - 1$ ones are linearly independent and form the basis of the space of spherical polynomials of second order with respect to $Q(x)$.

Lemma 3. ([1], p. 808, 855) *Let $Q(x)$ be a positive reduced quadratic form of type $(-\frac{f}{2}, N, \chi), 2|k$, and $P_\nu(x)$ is a spherical polynomial of order ν with respect to $Q(x)$, then for $\nu > 0$ the generalized r -fold theta-series*

$$\vartheta(\tau, P_\nu(x), Q(x)) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^f} P_\nu(x) z^{Q(x)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q(x)=n} P_\nu(x) \right) z^n$$

is a cusp form of type $(-\frac{f}{2} + \nu, N, \chi)$.

Lemma 4. ([1], p. 846) *Let quadratic forms $Q_1(x)$ and $Q_2(x)$ have the same step N and characters $\chi_1(d)$ and $\chi_2(d)$, respectively, then the quadratic form $Q_1(x) + Q_2(x)$ has the step N and character $\chi_1(d)\chi_2(d)$.*

Lemma 5. ([1], pp. 874, 875) *Let $Q(x)$ be a positive reduced quadratic form of type $(-k, q, 1), 2|k, k > 2$ then difference $\vartheta(\tau, Q(x)) - E(\tau, Q(x))$ is a cusp form of type $(-k, q, 1)$.*

It is known the some reduced quadratic forms of type $(-2, q, 1)$ with discriminant q^2 , when $q = 3, 5, 7$ ([4]), $q = 11, 17$ ([1], pp. 901-902).

M. Eichler ([5] pp. 234-235) proof, that the cusp form of type $(-k, q, 1)$ is represented in the linear combination of generalized quaternary theta-series.

In this paper is also constructed the reduced quadratic forms of type $(-2, q, 1)$ with discriminant q^2 for every prime $q > 3$. By using these

quadratic forms, the basis of spaces of cusp forms of type $(-4, q, 1)$ when $q = 13$ is constructed. Then formulae are derived for the number of representations of positive integers by the quadratic forms of corresponding types.

2 The construction of the quadratic form of type $(-2, q, 1)$

The matrix A and its determinant $D = \det A$ of quadratic forms of type $(-2, q, 1)$ with discriminant q^2 must satisfy the following conditions:

1. The matrix A should be a fourth order symmetric matrix;
2. Its elements of main diagonal should be positive even numbers and other elements -
integer numbers;
3. All its principal minor should be positive;
4. $D = q^2$ and $\delta = \gcd(\frac{1}{2}A_{rr}, A_{rs})_{r,s=1,2,3,4} = q$.

Let find D with form

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & b_{13} & 0 \\ 1 & 2b_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ b_{13} & 0 & 2b_{33} & q \\ 0 & 0 & q & 2q \end{vmatrix},$$

where b_{13}, b_{22} and b_{33} are integer numbers.

The determinant D satisfies the conditions 1-4 if

$$2q \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & b_{13} \\ 1 & 2b_{22} & 0 \\ b_{13} & 0 & 2b_{33} \end{vmatrix} - q^2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2b_{22} \end{vmatrix} = q^2$$

and

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2b_{22} \end{vmatrix} > 0.$$

It is sufficient to show that there exists an integer numbers b_{13}, b_{22} and b_{33} that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & b_{13} \\ 1 & 2b_{22} & 0 \\ b_{13} & 0 & 2b_{33} \end{vmatrix} = 2b_{22}q, \quad 4b_{22} > 1,$$

i.e.

$$b_{33}(4b_{22} - 1) - b_{13}^2 b_{22} = b_{22}q, \quad b_{22} > 0. \quad (2.1)$$

From (2.1) it follows that $b_{22}|b_{33}$, i.e. $b_{33} = b_{22}t$ and condition (2.1) takes the form

$$t(4b_{22} - 1) - b_{13}^2 = q,$$

i.e.

$$b_{13}^2 \equiv -q \pmod{4b_{22} - 1}. \quad (2.2)$$

Thus the determinant D satisfies conditions 1-4 if we find the integer number $b_{22} > 0$, such that $4b_{22} - 1$ will be prime and $\left(\frac{-q}{4b_{22}-1}\right) = 1$ (where $\left(\frac{-q}{4b_{22}-1}\right)$ is the Legendre symbol and $\left(\frac{-q}{4b_{22}-1}\right) = -\left(\frac{q}{4b_{22}-1}\right) = -(-1)^{\frac{q-1}{2}}\left(\frac{4b_{22}-1}{q}\right)$). If we solve the congruence (2.2), we get b_{13} and from (2.1) we obtain $b_{33} = \frac{b_{22}q + b_{13}^2 b_{22}}{4b_{22} - 1}$.

Hence, our problem is following: Find the integer number $b_{22} > 0$, such that $4b_{22} - 1$ will be prime number and quadratic residue of q , if $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, or quadratic nonresidue of q , if $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

We now prove the following

Lemma. *if $q \neq 3$ is an odd prime, then there are exactly $\frac{q-1}{2}$ natural numbers b_{22} , such that $4b_{22} - 1$ will be prime and*

$$\left(\frac{4b_{22} - 1}{q}\right) = 1, \quad \text{if } q \equiv 3 \pmod{4},$$

or

$$\left(\frac{4b_{22} - 1}{q}\right) = -1, \quad \text{if } q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}.$$

Proof. a) Let $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, consider the system of congruence

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv -1 \pmod{4} \\ x \equiv c \pmod{q} \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

where c is some quadratic residue of q . From the Chinese remainder theorem, there are exactly one solution x_0 modulo $4q$, $x_0 = -qy_1 + 4cy_2$, where y_1 is the solution of congruence $qy \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and y_2 is the solution of congruence $4y \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$.

Consider now the arithmetic progression $x_0 + 4qt$. In this progression $(x_0, 4q) = 1$ and from the Dirichlet's Theorem on primes in arithmetic progressions there are infinitely many primes, where satisfies the system of congruence (2.3).

It is known that c can get $\frac{q-1}{2}$ different values, accordingly there exists $\frac{q-1}{2}$ incongruent integers modulo q , where satisfies the system (2.3).

b) Similarly consider the case $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. In the system of congruence (2.3) c is nonquadratic residue of q . We get there exists $\frac{q-1}{2}$ incongruent

integers modulo q , where satisfies the system (2.3). ■

Below the values of q and b_{22} for prime $q \leq 29$ are obtained: For $q = 5$, $b_{22} = 1, 2$;
 For $q = 7$, $b_{22} = 3, 6, 11$;
 For $q = 11$, $b_{22} = 1, 6, 8, 15, 18$;
 For $q = 13$, $b_{22} = 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 17$;
 For $q = 17$, $b_{22} = 1, 2, 6, 8, 12, 27, 41, 50$;
 For $q = 19$, $b_{22} = 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 33, 35, 48, 66$;
 For $q = 23$, $b_{22} = 1, 8, 12, 15, 18, 32, 33, 42, 45, 54, 60$;
 For $q = 29$, $b_{22} = 1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 20, 33, 48, 54, 68, 83, 123, 188$.

Construct now some quadratic forms of type $(-2, q, 1)$.

If $q = 13$ and $b_{22} = 2$, from (2.2) and (2.1) we have $b_{13} = \pm 1, b_{33} = 4$. Thus the quadratic form

$$Q_1(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + 13x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + 13x_3x_4$$

is the quadratic form of type $(-2, 13, 1)$ with discriminant 13^2 .

If $q = 119$ and $b_{22} = 2$, from (2.2) and (2.1) we have $b_{13} = \pm 3, b_{33} = 8$. Thus the quadratic form

$$Q_2(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 8x_3^2 + 19x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + 3x_1x_3 + 19x_3x_4$$

is the quadratic form of type $(-2, 19, 1)$ with discriminant 19^2 .

Consider now the particular case $q \equiv -1(mod6)$.

It is easily to verify that the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3}(q+) & q \\ 0 & 0 & q & 2q \end{vmatrix} = q^2$$

satisfies the condition 1-4, i.e.

$$Q_3(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{q+1}{3}x_3^2 + qx_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + qx_3x_4$$

is the quadratic form of type $(-2, q, 1)$ with discriminant q^2 (where $q \equiv -1(mod6)$).

3 The reduction of the constructed quadratic forms

Find now an equivalent reduced quadratic form of

$$Q_3(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{q+1}{3}x_3^2 + qx_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + qx_3x_4.$$

It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} 4Q_3(x) &= 4x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + \frac{4}{3}(q+1)x_3^2 + 4qx_4^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 + 4x_2x_3 + 4qx_3x_4 = \\ &= (2x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2 + G(x_2, x_3, x_4), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G(x_2, x_3, x_4) = 3x_2^2 + \frac{4q+1}{3}x_3^2 + 4qx_4^2 + 2x_2x_3 + 4qx_3x_4.$$

Similarly

$$12G(x_2, x_3, x_4) = (6x_2 + 2x_3)^2 + g(x_3, x_4),$$

where

$$g(x_3, x_4) = 16q(x_3^2 + 3x_3x_4 + 3x_4^2).$$

By using well-known algorithm ([6] p. 141-144), the linear transformation with matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

takes the quadratic form $g(x_3, x_4)$ into the equivalent reduced quadratic form. Now use the linear transformation with matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

for quadratic form $Q_3(x)$, we get

$$Q(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{q+1}{3}x_3^2 + \frac{q+1}{3}x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 - x_1x_4 + x_2x_3 - x_2x_4 + \frac{q-2}{3}x_3x_4.$$

It is easy to verify that $Q(x)$ is a reduced quadratic form of type $(-2, q, 1)$ with discriminant q^2 for every prime number $q \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$.

Similarly by using the linear transformation with matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

for quadratic form $Q_1(x)$, and the linear transformation with matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

for quadratic form $Q_2(x)$, we obtain that

$$Q_4(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 + 4x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 - x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_4$$

is a reduced quadratic form of type $(-2, 13, 1)$ with discriminant 13^2 and

$$Q_5(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 6x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_2x_3 - x_2x_4 + 3x_3x_4$$

is a reduced quadratic form of type $(-2, 19, 1)$ with discriminant 19^2 .

4 The number of representations of the positive integer n by the quadratic form of type $(-4, q, 1)$

For quadratic form of type $(-2, 13, 1)$

$$Q_4(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 + 4x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 - x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_4$$

we have that $\Delta = D = 13^2, A_{11} = 104, A_{12} = -26, A_{13} = 0$.

According to the lemma 2 the spherical polynomials has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{11} &= x_1^2 - \frac{A_{11}}{4D} 2Q_4 = x_1^2 - \frac{4}{13} Q_4, \\ \varphi_{12} &= x_1x_2 - \frac{A_{12}}{4D} 2Q_4 = x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{13} Q_4, \\ \varphi_{13} &= x_1x_3. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the equation

$$x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 + 4x_4^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 - x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_4 = n. \tag{4.1}$$

For $n = 1$, equation has 2 solutions $x_1 = \pm 1$.

For $n = 2$, equation has 6 solutions $x_2 = \pm 1; x_3 = \pm 1; x_1 = \pm 1, x_2 = \mp 1$.

For $n = 3$, equation has 8 solutions $x_1 = \pm 1, x_3 = \pm 1; x_1 = \pm 1, x_3 = \mp 1; x_2 = \pm 1, x_3 = \pm 1; x_1 = \pm 1, x_2 = \mp 1, x_3 = \mp 1$. Here all other $x_i = 0$.

Using these solutions and performing easy calculations by lemma 3 we obtain

$$\vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{11}, Q_4) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1^2 - \frac{4}{13} n \right) z^n = \frac{18}{13} z - \frac{22}{13} z^2 - \frac{18}{13} z^3 + \dots ,$$

$$\vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{12}, Q_4) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{13} n \right) z^n = \frac{2}{13} z - \frac{14}{13} z^2 - \frac{2}{13} z^3 + \dots ,$$

$$\vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{13}, Q_4) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1 x_3 \right) z^n = -2z^3 + \dots$$

These generalized quaternary theta-series are the cusp form of type $(-4, 13, 1)$, they are linearly independent, since the determinant constructed from the coefficients of these theta-series is not equal to zero. It is known ([1] p. 899) that the maximal number of linearly independent cusp form of type $(-4, 13, 1)$ is 3. Thus we have proved

Theorem 1. The generalized quaternary theta-series

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{11}, Q_4) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1^2 - \frac{4}{13}n \right) z^n, \\ \vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{12}, Q_4) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1 x_2 + \frac{1}{13}n \right) z^n, \\ \vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{13}, Q_4) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1 x_3 \right) z^n \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

form a basis of the space of cusp form of type $(-4, 13, 1)$.

Consider the quadratic form

$$F = Q_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) + Q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8).$$

By lemma 4 and (1.2) we have $\Delta = D = 13^4, l = 2, N = q = 13, \chi(d) = 1$, i.e. the quadratic form F is a form of type $(-4, q, 1)$.

From (1.4) using the number of solutions of equation (4.1) we obtain that

$$\vartheta(\tau, Q_4) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r(n, Q_4) z^n = 1 + 2z + 6z^2 + 8z^3 + \dots$$

hence

$$\vartheta(\tau, F) = \vartheta^2(\tau, Q_4) = 1 + 4z + 16z^2 + 40z^3 + \dots \quad (4.3)$$

if $q = 13$ and $l = 2$ from (1.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tau, F) &= 1 + \frac{24}{17} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sigma_3(n) z^n + 169 \sigma_3(n) z^{13n}) \\ &= 1 + \frac{24}{17} z + \frac{24 \cdot 9}{17} z^2 + \frac{24 \cdot 28}{17} z^3 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

According to the Lemma 5, $\vartheta(\tau, F) - E(\tau, F)$ is a cusp form of type $(-4, 13, 1)$. Thus, from Theorem 1 there are constants c_1, c_2 and c_3 such that

$$\vartheta(\tau, F) - E(\tau, F) = c_1 \vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{11}, Q_4) + c_2 \vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{12}, Q_4) + c_3 \vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{13}, Q_4).$$

Equating the coefficients of z , z^2 and z^3 on the both sides of this identity, using (4.3), (4.4), (4.2) we obtain

$$c_1 = \frac{91}{34}, \quad c_2 = -\frac{247}{34}, \quad c_3 = -\frac{26}{17}.$$

Hence

$$\vartheta(\tau, F) = E(\tau, F) + \frac{91}{34}\vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{11}, Q_4) - \frac{247}{34}\vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{12}, Q_4) - \frac{26}{17}\vartheta(\tau, \varphi_{13}, Q_4).$$

Equating the coefficients of z^n on the both sides of this identity we deduce the following result.

Theorem 2. *The number of representations of the positive integer n by the quadratic form F is given by*

$$r(n, F) = \frac{24}{17}\sigma_3^*(n) + \frac{91}{34} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1^2 - \frac{4}{13}n \right) - \frac{247}{34} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{13}n \right) - \frac{26}{17} \left(\sum_{Q_4=n} x_1x_3 \right).$$

where

$$\sigma_3^*(n) = \begin{cases} (\sigma_3(n)) & \text{if } 13 \nmid n, \\ \sigma_3(n) + 169\sigma_3\left(\frac{n}{13}\right) & \text{if } 13 \mid n. \end{cases}$$

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