

## FEIGIN AND ODESSKII'S ELLIPTIC ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We study the elliptic algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  introduced by Feigin and Odesskii as a generalization of Sklyanin algebras. They form a family of quadratic algebras parametrized by coprime integers  $n > k \geq 1$ , an elliptic curve  $E$ , and a point  $\tau \in E$ . We consider and compare several different definitions of the algebras and provide proofs of various statements about them made by Feigin and Odesskii. For example, we show that  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$ , and  $Q_{n,n-1}(E, \tau)$  are polynomial rings on  $n$  variables. We also show that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \zeta)$  is a twist of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  when  $\zeta$  is an  $n$ -torsion point. This paper is the first of several we are writing about the algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

**1.1. Notation and conventions.** Throughout this paper we use the notation  $e(z) = e^{2\pi iz}$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

We fix relatively prime integers,  $n > k \geq 1$ , and write  $k'$  for the unique integer such that  $n > k' \geq 1$  and  $kk' = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

We fix a point  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$  lying in the upper half-plane, the lattice  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$ , and the elliptic curve  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ . We write  $E[n]$  for the  $n$ -torsion subgroup,  $\frac{1}{n}\Lambda/\Lambda$ , of  $E$ .

We always work over the field  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers unless otherwise specified. For a complex algebraic variety  $X$ ,  $x \in X$  means  $x$  is a *closed* point of  $X$ .

**1.2. The algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .** In 1989, Feigin and Odesskii defined a family of graded  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  depending on the data  $(n, k, E)$  and a point  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . The algebras appear first in their manuscript [FO89] archived with the Academy of Science of the Ukrainian SSR (which we refer to as “the Kiev preprint”) and, almost simultaneously, in their published paper [OF89]. They defined  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  to be the free algebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  modulo the  $n^2$  homogeneous quadratic relations<sup>1</sup>

$$(1-1) \quad r_{ij} = r_{ij}(\tau) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r}x_{i+r}$$

where the indices  $i$  and  $j$  belong to  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}$  are certain theta functions of order  $n$ , also indexed by  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , that are quasi-periodic with respect to the lattice  $\Lambda$ . The quasi-periodicity properties imply that if  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then  $r_{ij}(\tau + \lambda)$  is a non-zero scalar multiple of  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  whence  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  depends only on the image of  $\tau$  in  $E$ ; thus, for fixed  $(n, k, E)$  the algebras provide a family parametrized by  $E - E[n]$ .

When  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ ,  $\theta_{kr}(\tau) = 0$  for some  $r$  so the relations no longer make sense. In §3.3 we will show how to define  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  (Definition 3.11). Using that definition, Proposition 5.1 shows that  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$  is a polynomial ring on  $n$  variables for all  $n$  and  $k$ .

A lot is known about the algebras  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ . In [TVdB96], Tate and Van den Bergh showed that  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is a noetherian domain having the same Hilbert series and the same homological properties as the polynomial ring on  $n$  variables. The algebras  $Q_{3,1}(E, \tau)$  and  $Q_{4,1}(E, \tau)$  are well understood due to the work of Artin-Tate-Van den Bergh ([ATVdB90, ATVdB91]), Smith-Stafford [SS92], Lévassieur-Smith [LS93], and Smith-Tate [ST94]. For the most part though, the representation theory of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  remains a mystery when  $n \geq 5$ .

Although the algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  were defined thirty years ago they have not been studied much since then (with the exception of the case  $k = 1$ ). The algebras  $Q_{4,1}(E, \tau)$  were discovered by Sklyanin [Sk182] almost 40 years ago when he was studying questions arising from quantum physics. We endorse a sentiment he expressed in that paper:

During our investigation it turned out that it is necessary to bring into the picture new algebraic structures, namely, the quadratic algebras of Poisson brackets and the quadratic generalization of the universal enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra. The theory of these mathematical objects is surprisingly reminiscent of the theory of Lie algebras, the difference being that it is more complicated. In our opinion, it deserves the greatest attention of mathematicians.

In investigating the algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  one encounters an interesting mix of topics. A few examples:

- The origin of these algebras in the study of elliptic solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation is evident in the appearance and prevalence of  $R$ -matrices with spectral parameter defining the relations of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .
- Theta functions and the sometimes mysterious identities they satisfy pervade the subject.
- When regarded as parametrized by  $\tau$ , the family  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  “integrates” a natural Poisson structure on a moduli space of bundles on  $E$  of rank  $k$  and degree  $n$  [FO98, Pol98].

<sup>1</sup>The original definition uses  $x_{k(j-r)}x_{k(i+r)}$  instead of  $x_{j-r}x_{i+r}$ ; see §3.1.1.

- Understanding the point scheme for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is heavily reliant on the intricacies of the theory of holomorphic bundles on abelian varieties.

We believe that this wide array of topics speaks to the depth of the subject and its richness as a source of problems, questions and perhaps answers. For that reason, we echo Sklyanin’s opinion that the algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  deserve considerable attention.

**1.3. The contents of subsequent papers.** This is the first of several papers in which we examine the algebras  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . For the most part they can be read independently of one another. One of them examines the characteristic variety  $X_{n/k}$  for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ , which is a subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ . Another will show that a certain quotient category of graded  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ -modules contains a “closed subcategory” that is equivalent to  $\mathbf{Qcoh}(X_{n/k})$ , the category of quasi-coherent sheaves on  $X_{n/k}$ . This is proved by exhibiting a homomorphism from  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  to a “twisted homogeneous coordinate ring” of  $X_{n/k}$  (defined in [AVdB90]). In many cases,  $X_{n/k}$  is the  $g$ -fold product,  $E^g$ , of copies of  $E$  where  $g$  is the length of a certain continued fraction expression for the rational number  $n/k$ . For example, if  $f_0 = f_1 = 1$  and  $f_{i+1} = f_i + f_{i-1}$  and  $(n, k) = (f_{2g+1}, f_{2g-1})$ , then  $X_{n/k} \cong E^g$ . If  $k = 1$ , then  $g = 1$  and  $X_{n/1} \cong E$ . If  $n \geq 5$  and  $k = 2$ , then  $g = 2$  and  $X_{n/k} \cong S^2 E$  the 2<sup>nd</sup> symmetric power of  $E$ . If  $(n, k) = (n, n - 1)$ , then  $g = n - 1$  and  $X_{n/k} \cong \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ .

It is stated in [Ode02, §3] that, for generic  $\tau \in E$ , the dimensions of the homogeneous components of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  are the same as those of the polynomial ring on  $n$  variables, and it is conjectured that this is true for *all*  $\tau$ . When  $k = 1$ , this was proved by Tate and Van den Bergh [TVdB96]. In [CKS20], we will show this is true for all  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  when  $\tau + \Lambda$  is not a torsion point in  $E$ .

**1.4. The contents of this paper.** The present paper is a prerequisite for our later papers.

In [section 2](#) (see (2-6)) we specify a particular basis  $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}$  for a space  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  of order- $n$  theta functions that are quasi-periodic with respect to  $\Lambda$ . We use this basis in the rest of this paper and in our subsequent papers. Theta functions are notorious for the fact that notation for them varies considerably from one source to another.<sup>2</sup> Even when the same symbol appears in two different sources the reader must be alert to the possibility that the functions they denote are not the same. That is the case in Feigin and Odesskii’s various papers. For that reason, [§2.2](#) makes a careful comparison of their various definitions and describes exactly how our  $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}$  relate to their functions labeled by the same symbols. We then discuss the action of the Heisenberg group  $H_n$  of order  $n^3$  on  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  and the canonical morphism  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$  to the projective space of 1-dimensional subspaces of the dual space  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*$ .

In [section 3](#) we examine various definitions of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  and explain why they produce the same algebra. In [§3.1](#) we compare different definitions given in terms of generators and relations.

In [§3.2](#), we focus on the case  $k = 1$ . We use results of Feigin and Odesskii to give three alternative definitions of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  for *all*  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ . The first is based on their elliptic analogue of the usual shuffle product for the symmetric algebra. The second, based on the theta function identity (3-11) = (3-12) in the proof of [Proposition 3.4](#), declares that  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is the algebra whose defining (quadratic) relations are the image an explicit injective linear map  $\text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda) \rightarrow \Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$  where  $\text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)$  denotes the space of anti-symmetric functions in  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$ . This is essentially the way Tate and Van den Bergh defined  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  in [TVdB96, (4.1)] (see [§3.2.6](#)). The third, in [§3.2.5](#), is of a geometric nature: the relations are defined as the subspace of  $H^0(E \times E, \mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a certain invertible  $\mathcal{O}_E$ -module of degree  $n$ , consisting of those sections  $g$  such that  $(g)_0$ , its divisor of zeros, has certain symmetry properties. This definition allows one to define  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  for arbitrary base fields (see [TVdB96]).

In [§3.3](#), we define  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  and show that different definitions produce the same algebra under reasonable hypotheses. To discuss this we define, for  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ ,

$$\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) := \text{span}\{r_{ij}(\tau) \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\},$$

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<sup>2</sup>Regarding the various notations for theta functions, the final paragraph of [AS64, §16.27] provides this warning: “There is a bewildering variety of notations . . . so that in consulting books caution should be used”.

We examine three ways of defining  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- (1) (§3.3.1) If  $r_{ij}(\tau) \neq 0$ , let  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  denote the point  $\mathbb{C} \cdot r_{ij}(\tau)$  in  $\mathbb{P}(V^{\otimes 2})$  and extend the holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V^{\otimes 2})$ ,  $\tau \mapsto L_{ij}(\tau)$ , to  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V^{\otimes 2})$  and define  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  for all  $\tau$  to be the image of  $\tau$  under the extension; then define

$$\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) := \text{the linear span of all the } L_{ij}(\tau)\text{'s.}$$

- (2) (§3.3.2) In (3-24) we introduce, for  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , a linear operator  $R_\tau(\tau) : V^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow V^{\otimes 2}$  whose image is  $\text{span}\{r_{ij}(\tau) \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ ; we then show that the holomorphic map  $\tau \mapsto R_\tau(\tau)$  extends in a unique way to a holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V^{\otimes 2})$ ; Proposition 3.15 shows for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  that

$$\text{the image of } R_\tau(\tau) = \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau).$$

- (3) (§3.3.3) In [CKS20], we will show that  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{2n}\Lambda$ ; the morphism  $E - E[2n] \rightarrow \text{Grass}(\binom{n}{2}, V^{\otimes 2})$ ,  $\tau \mapsto \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ , extends uniquely to a morphism  $E \rightarrow \text{Grass}(\binom{n}{2}, V^{\otimes 2})$ ; one might then define  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  to be the image of  $\tau + \Lambda$  under this extension.

In §3.4, we show that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \cong Q_{n,k'}(E, \tau)$  where  $k'$  is the unique integer such that  $n > k' \geq 1$  and  $kk' = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Feigin and Odesskii state this but leave its proof to the reader. Feigin and Odesskii state several results without indicating how they might be proved. Some, like this isomorphism, are straightforward but we have had difficulty proving others. For that reason, and because the definition of the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's in one of their papers is not always the same as in others, we often provide more detail than strictly necessary. The extra detail will provide a solid foundation for the future study of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .

For example, the statement that the only isomorphisms among the  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ 's are those in the first sentence of the previous paragraph, [OF89, §1, Rmk. 3], requires more precision because, for example, Proposition 5.5 shows that  $Q_{n,n-1}(E, \tau)$  is a polynomial ring for all  $\tau$ . Furthermore, Proposition 3.22 provides another isomorphism when  $\tau$  is replaced by  $-\tau$ ; indeed,  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \cong Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\text{op}}$ . More isomorphisms appear in §§3.4.1 and 4.2.1. We do not have a complete understanding of all isomorphisms among the  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ 's.

In section 4 we show that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \zeta)$  is isomorphic to a “twist” of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  for all  $\zeta \in E[n]$ .<sup>3</sup> The Heisenberg group  $H_n$  acts as degree-preserving algebra automorphisms of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . There is a surjective homomorphism  $H_n \rightarrow E[n] \cong \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  and the twist just referred to is induced by any one of the automorphisms in  $H_n$  that is a preimage of  $\zeta$ . Since  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$  is a polynomial ring on  $n$  variables (Proposition 5.1) this confirms Feigin and Odesskii's statement [OF89, §1.2, Rmk. 1] that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \zeta)$  is isomorphic to an algebra of “skew polynomials” though they don't define that term.

In section 5, we provide a proof of the assertion in [OF89, §1.2, Rmk. 1] and [Ode02, §3] that  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$  is a polynomial ring on  $n$  variables.

In Appendix A we state and prove a lemma (a “standard” result in complex analysis) that allows us to define what we mean by a theta function (in one variable) and establishes two fundamental results about such a function, the number of its zeros in a fundamental parallelogram and the sum of those zeros. This lemma will also be used in our subsequent papers.

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<sup>3</sup>The “twist” construction is quite general. Given any  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring  $A$  and a degree-preserving automorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow A$  the twist  $A^\phi$  is the graded vector space  $A$  endowed with multiplication  $a * b := \phi^m(a)b$  when  $b \in A_m$ . There is an equivalence  $\text{Gr}(A) \cong \text{Gr}(A^\phi)$  between their categories of graded left modules.

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2. THETA FUNCTIONS IN ONE VARIABLE

In this section we collect some results on theta functions.

The results are “standard” but we could not find a single source that states them in the way we need them; for that reason we have included them here. Proofs are given in more detail than strictly necessary because the calculations are often prone to error and the material will be new for some readers.

**2.1. The spaces  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  and the functions  $\vartheta(z|\eta)$  and  $\theta(z)$ .** We fix an integer  $n \geq 1$  and a point  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ .<sup>4</sup> We adopt the notation in Odesskii’s survey article [Ode02, Appendix A], and at [HP18, p. 1025], and write  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  for the set of holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  satisfying the quasi-periodicity conditions

$$\begin{aligned} f(z + 1) &= f(z), \\ f(z + \eta) &= e\left(-nz + c + \frac{n}{2}\right)f(z). \end{aligned}$$

Functions in  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  are called **theta functions of order  $n$**  with respect to the lattice  $\Lambda$ . They have  $n$  zeros (always counted with multiplicity) in each fundamental parallelogram for  $\Lambda$  and the sum of those zeros is equal to  $c$  modulo  $\Lambda$  (see Appendix A).

**Proposition 2.1.**  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  is a vector space of dimension  $n$ .

*Proof.* This follows from the Fourier expansions for elements in  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ . See [Mum07, I.§1], for example. □

In keeping with the notation in the Kiev preprint [FO89, p. 32], and in the first Odesskii-Feigin paper [OF89, §1.1], we will always use the notation

$$\Theta_n(\Lambda) := \Theta_{n, \frac{n-1}{2}}(\Lambda).$$

When  $c = \frac{n-1}{2}$  the second quasi-periodicity condition becomes  $f(z + \eta) = -e(-nz)f(z)$ .

2.1.1. All theta functions in this paper will be defined in terms of the holomorphic functions

$$\vartheta(z|\eta) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e\left(nz + \frac{1}{2}n^2\eta\right)$$

and  $\theta(z) = \vartheta\left(z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\eta|\eta\right)$  in (2-1). Both  $\vartheta$  and  $\theta$  have order one, meaning they have a single zero in each fundamental parallelogram. The Fourier expansion for  $\theta(z)$  is given by (2-1).

**Lemma 2.2.** *The function*

$$(2-1) \quad \theta(z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n e\left(nz + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)\eta\right)$$

has the following properties:

- (1) it is a basis for  $\Theta_{1,0}(\Lambda)$ ;
- (2)  $\theta(z + 1) = \theta(z)$  and  $\theta(z + \eta) = -e(-z)\theta(z)$ ;
- (3)  $\theta(-z) = -e(-z)\theta(z)$ ;
- (4)  $\theta(z) = 0$  if and only if  $z \in \Lambda$ . Each zero has order 1.

*Proof.* Statement (1), and hence (2), follows from the fact that  $\vartheta(z|\eta)$  is a basis for  $\Theta_{1, -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\eta}(\Lambda)$ , which can be found in [Mum07, §I.1].

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<sup>4</sup>Usually  $n$  is the integer fixed in §1.1 but we also allow  $n = 1$  here.



It follows from the definition of  $\theta$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta(-z) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n e(-nz + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)\eta) \\
&= \sum_n (-1)^{-n} e(-nz + \frac{1}{2}(-n)(-n+1)\eta) \\
&= \sum_m (-1)^{m-1} e(mz - z + \frac{1}{2}(m-1)m\eta) \quad (\text{after setting } m = -n + 1) \\
&= -e(-z) \sum_m (-1)^m e(mz + \frac{1}{2}m(m-1)\eta) \\
&= -e(-z)\theta(z)
\end{aligned}$$

as claimed in (3).

Statement (4) follows from [Mum07, Lem. 4.1]: it is shown there that the zeros of  $\vartheta_{00}(z) = \vartheta(z | \eta)$  are the points in  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\eta + \Lambda$  and those zeros have order 1. Thus the zeros of  $\theta(z) = \vartheta(z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\eta | \eta)$  are the points in  $\Lambda$  and they too have order 1.  $\square$

2.1.2. *Remarks.* Assume  $c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f \in \Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ , and  $f_i \in \Theta_{n_i, c_i}(\Lambda)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

- (1)  $\Theta_{n,c+r}(\Lambda) = \Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ .
- (2) The function  $z \mapsto f_1(z)f_2(z)$  belongs to  $\Theta_{n_1+n_2, c_1+c_2}(\Lambda)$ .
- (3) The function  $z \mapsto f(z+d)$  belongs to  $\Theta_{n, c+nd}(\Lambda)$ .
- (4)  $\vartheta(z | \eta) \in \Theta_{1, \frac{1}{2}(1+\eta)}(z)$ .
- (5) The function  $z \mapsto f(rz)$  belongs to  $\Theta_{r^2n, rc + \frac{r(1-r)n}{2}\eta}(\Lambda)$ .

2.2. **The standard basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ .** In their various papers Feigin and Odesskii use a basis for  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  that is labeled  $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}$ . The functions they call  $\theta_\alpha$  in one paper are not always the same as those called  $\theta_\alpha$  in another paper. Nevertheless, in [FO89, OF89, Ode02] the zeros of  $\theta_\alpha$  always belong to

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{n}(-\alpha\eta + m) \mid 0 \leq m \leq n-1 \right\} + \Lambda = -\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta.$$

In particular,  $\theta_\alpha$  has  $n$  distinct zeros in the fundamental parallelogram

$$[0, 1) + (-1, 0]\eta = \{a + b\eta \mid 0 \leq a < 1, -1 < b \leq 0\},$$

each zero having multiplicity 1. Furthermore, their  $\theta_\alpha$ 's,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , always have the properties

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) &= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z), \\
\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) &= Ce(-z)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is a non-zero constant independent of  $\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta$  has a unique zero in the fundamental parallelogram, namely a simple zero at  $z = 0$ , the function

$$(2-2) \quad \theta(z + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \theta(z + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \cdots \theta(z + \frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta)$$

has exactly  $n$  zeros in the fundamental parallelogram, namely  $\{\frac{1}{n}(-\alpha\eta + m) \mid 0 \leq m \leq n-1\}$ , each of which has order one. Thus, Feigin and Odesskii's functions  $\theta_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , are multiples of the functions in (2-2) by nowhere vanishing holomorphic functions.

**Lemma 2.3.** *For each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  let  $[\alpha] \in \mathbb{C}$  be an arbitrary complex number.<sup>5</sup> The functions*

$$(2-3) \quad \theta_\alpha(z) := e(\alpha z + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta),$$

*indexed by  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , have the following properties:*

<sup>5</sup>Later we will make a judicious choice of  $[\alpha]$ . See (2-6) for the "standard" definition.

- (1)  $\theta_\alpha \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ ,
- (2)  $\theta_\alpha(z+1) = \theta_\alpha(z)$  and  $\theta_\alpha(z+\eta) = -e(-nz)\theta_\alpha(z)$ ,
- (3)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z)$ ,
- (4)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + [\alpha] - [\alpha+1])e(-z)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z)$ ,
- (5)  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz + \alpha\eta + [\alpha] - [-\alpha])\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ , and
- (6)  $\theta_{\alpha+n}(z) = -e([\alpha+n] - [\alpha] - \alpha\eta)\theta_\alpha(z)$ .

*Proof.* (1) It follows from §2.1.2 that the function in (2-2) belongs to  $\Theta_{n, -\frac{n-1}{2}-\alpha\eta}(\Lambda)$  and hence  $\theta_\alpha$  belongs to  $\Theta_{n, -\frac{n-1}{2}}(\Lambda) = \Theta_{n, \frac{n-1}{2}}(\Lambda)$ .

(2) This is a restatement of (1).

(3) Since  $\theta(z+1) = \theta(z)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) &= e(\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(z + \frac{1+m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \\
&= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})e(\alpha z + [\alpha])\theta(z + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \dots \theta(z + \frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \theta(z + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \\
&= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})e(\alpha z + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \\
&= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z),
\end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

(4) Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) &= e(\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{1+\alpha}{n}\eta) \\
&= e(\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) + [\alpha])e(-(\alpha+1)z - [\alpha+1])\theta_{\alpha+1}(z) \\
&= e(\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + [\alpha] - [\alpha+1])e(-z)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z),
\end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

(5) Since  $\theta(-z) = -e(-z)\theta(z)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_\alpha(-z) &= e(-\alpha z + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(-z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \\
&= e(-\alpha z + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (-1)e(-z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta)\theta(z - \frac{m}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta) \\
&= (-1)^n e(-\alpha z + [\alpha])e(-nz + \alpha\eta)e(\frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n}) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(z - \frac{m}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta).
\end{aligned}$$

The expression before the product symbol in the last formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
p(z) &= (-1)^n e(-\alpha z + [\alpha])e(-nz + \alpha\eta)e(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)) \\
&= (-1)^n e(-\alpha z + [\alpha])e(-nz + \alpha\eta)(-1)^{n-1} \\
&= -e(-nz + \alpha\eta + [\alpha])e(-\alpha z).
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z - \frac{m}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) &= \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z + \frac{n-m}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \\
&= \theta\left(z + \frac{n}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \theta\left(z + \frac{n-1}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \cdots \theta\left(z + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \\
&= e(\alpha z - [-\alpha])\theta_{-\alpha}(z), \\
\theta_{\alpha}(-z) &= p(z) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z - \frac{m}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \\
&= -e(-nz + \alpha\eta + [\alpha])e(-\alpha z)e(\alpha z - [-\alpha])\theta_{-\alpha}(z) \\
&= -e(-nz + \alpha\eta + [\alpha] - [-\alpha])\theta_{-\alpha}(z),
\end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

$$(6) \text{ Since } \theta(z + \eta) = -e(-z)\theta(z),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_{\alpha+n}(z) &= e((\alpha+n)z + [\alpha+n]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha+n}{n}\eta\right) \\
&= e(nz + [\alpha+n] - [\alpha])e(\alpha z + [\alpha]) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (-1)e\left(-z - \frac{m}{n} - \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right)\theta\left(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \\
&= (-1)^n e(nz + [\alpha+n] - [\alpha])e(\alpha z + [\alpha])e\left(-nz - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{2}{n} \cdots - \frac{n-1}{n} - \alpha\eta\right) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right) \\
&= (-1)^n e([\alpha+n] - [\alpha])(-1)^{n-1} e(-\alpha\eta)\theta_{\alpha}(z) \\
&= -e([\alpha+n] - [\alpha] - \alpha\eta)\theta_{\alpha}(z),
\end{aligned}$$

as claimed. □

**Lemma 2.4.** *The set  $\{\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}\}$  in (2-3) is a basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\theta_{\alpha}$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $e(\frac{\alpha}{n})$  for the linear transformation  $f(z) \mapsto f(z + \frac{1}{n})$ , the functions  $\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}$  are linearly independent. But  $\dim \Theta_n(\Lambda) = n$ , so they form a basis for it. □

In §2.2.1 we consider how to choose  $[\alpha]$  and hence  $\theta_{\alpha}$ . We then devote a single subsection to the definition of the functions  $\theta_{\alpha}$  in each of the following papers of Feigin and Odesskii: the Kiev preprint [FO89]; their first published paper [OF89]; Odesskii's survey [Ode02]. Finally, in §2.2.5, we fix particular  $[\alpha]$ 's and define the  $\theta_{\alpha}$ 's that will be used in the rest of this paper and in our subsequent papers.

We advise the reader to jump to §2.2.5 on a first reading.

2.2.1. We now consider the choice of  $[\alpha]$ . First, we want the coefficient  $e(\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + [\alpha] - [\alpha + 1])$  in Lemma 2.3(4) to be a constant  $C$  independent of  $\alpha$ . Second, we want equalities  $\theta_{\alpha+n} = \theta_{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Third, since adding a constant to  $[\alpha]$  corresponds to multiplying all the  $\theta_{\alpha}$ 's by a common scalar, we normalize the function  $\alpha \mapsto [\alpha]$  by requiring  $[0] = 0$ . In summary, we will choose the  $[\alpha]$ 's so the following three conditions hold:

$$\begin{cases} e(\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + [\alpha] - [\alpha + 1]) = C, \\ -e([\alpha + n] - [\alpha] - \alpha\eta) = 1, \\ [0] = 0. \end{cases}$$



Taken together, the first and the third of these conditions imply that

$$C^\alpha = \prod_{i=0}^{\alpha-1} e\left(\frac{i}{n}\eta + [i] - [i+1]\right) = e\left(\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2n}\eta - [\alpha]\right) \quad \text{and}$$

$$C^\alpha = \prod_{i=-\alpha}^{-1} e\left(\frac{i}{n}\eta + [i] - [i+1]\right) = e\left(-\frac{(-\alpha)(-\alpha-1)}{2n}\eta + [-\alpha]\right)$$

for all integers  $\alpha > 0$ . Hence

$$e([\alpha]) = C^{-\alpha} e\left(\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2n}\eta\right)$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Substituting this into the second condition, implies that

$$1 = -e([\alpha+n] - [\alpha] - \alpha\eta) = -C^{-n} e\left(\frac{(\alpha+n)(\alpha+n-1)}{2n}\eta - \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2n}\eta - \alpha\eta\right) = C^{-n} e\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2}\eta\right).$$

Therefore  $C = e\left(\frac{r}{n} - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta\right)$  for some integer  $r$ . It follows that

$$e([\alpha]) = e\left(\frac{\alpha(1-2r)}{2n} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-n)}{2n}\eta\right).$$

Parts (4) and (5) of [Lemma 2.3](#) now become

$$\theta_\alpha\left(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta\right) = e\left(-z + \frac{2r-1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta\right) \theta_{\alpha+1}(z),$$

$$\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e\left(-nz + \frac{\alpha(1-2r)}{n}\right) \theta_{-\alpha}(z).$$

The next result summarizes these discussions.<sup>6</sup>

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  be any integer. The functions*

$$(2-4) \quad \theta_\alpha(z) := e\left(\alpha z + \frac{\alpha(1-2r)}{2n} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-n)}{2n}\eta\right) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right),$$

*indexed by  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , have the following properties:*

- (1)  $\theta_{\alpha+n} = \theta_\alpha$ ,
- (2)  $\{\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}\}$  is a basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ ,
- (3)  $\theta_\alpha\left(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta\right) = e\left(\frac{\alpha}{n}\right) \theta_\alpha(z)$ ,
- (4)  $\theta_\alpha\left(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta\right) = e\left(-z + \frac{2r-1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta\right) \theta_{\alpha+1}(z)$ , and
- (5)  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e\left(-nz + \frac{\alpha(1-2r)}{n}\right) \theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ .

The key point in each of the next three subsections is how to choose the integer  $r$  (modulo  $n$ ) so the functions  $\theta_\alpha$  have the properties that Feigin and Odesskii ask of them.

2.2.2. The appendix of the Kiev preprint [FO89] says that when  $n$  is odd  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  has a basis  $\{\theta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$  such that

- (1)  $\theta_\alpha\left(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta\right) = e\left(\frac{\alpha}{n}\right) \theta_\alpha(z)$ ,
- (2)  $\theta_\alpha\left(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta\right) = -e\left(-z + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta\right) \theta_{\alpha+1}(z)$ ,
- (3)  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = e(-nz) \theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ , and
- (4)  $\theta_\alpha(z)$  is zero exactly at the points in  $-\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$ .

This is false. There is no integer  $r$  such that the functions  $\theta_\alpha$  defined by (2-4) have these four properties: if there were, then (3) together with [Lemma 2.5\(5\)](#) would imply that  $\frac{\alpha(1-2r)}{n} + \frac{1}{2}$  is an integer, which is not the case when  $\alpha = 0$ , for example.

If (2) held, then [Lemma 2.5\(4\)](#) would imply that the number  $s := \frac{2r-1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2}$  is an integer so  $r = \frac{n+1}{2} + ns = \frac{n+1}{2} \pmod{n}$  which implies that  $n$  is odd. If  $n$  is odd and  $r = \frac{n+1}{2}$ , then the functions  $\theta_\alpha$  in (2-4) satisfy (1), (2), (4), and  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz) \theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ ; in [§2.5](#) we denote these functions by  $\psi_\alpha$

<sup>6</sup>We note that  $e([\alpha])$  depends only on the image of  $r$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

(only when  $n$  is odd). It is likely that the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's in the Kiev preprint are the  $\psi_\alpha$ 's and the statement that  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = e(-nz)\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$  in its appendix is a typo. In §3.1.4, we make some additional comments about the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's in the Kiev preprint.

2.2.3. Let  $2^p$  be the largest power of 2 dividing  $n$ . The paper [OF89, §1.1] says that  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  has a basis  $\{\theta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$  such that

- (1)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z)$ ,
- (2)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = e(-z - 2^{-p-1} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z)$ ,
- (3)  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz)\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$  if  $n$  is odd,
- (4)  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz + 2^{-p}\alpha)\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$  if  $n$  is even, and
- (5)  $\theta_\alpha(z)$  is zero exactly at the points in  $-\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$ .

If the functions  $\theta_\alpha$  defined by (2-4) satisfy these five properties, then (2) implies that the number  $s := \frac{2r-1}{2n} - (-2^{-p-1})$  is an integer and  $r = \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{n}{2^p} + 1) + ns = \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{n}{2^p} + 1)$ .

Conversely, set  $r = \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{n}{2^p} + 1)$ , which is always an integer.<sup>7</sup> Since  $\frac{1-2r}{n} = 2^{-p}$ , the function  $\theta_\alpha$  in (2-4) now has the property that

$$(2-5) \quad \theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz + 2^{-p}\alpha)\theta_{-\alpha}(z).$$

Hence conditions (3) and (4) are satisfied, and so are (1), (2), and (5). We also note that

$$e([\alpha]) = e\left(2^{-p-1}\alpha + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-n)}{2n}\eta\right)$$

in this case.

2.2.4. Odesskii's survey [Ode02, Appendix A] says  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  has a basis  $\{\theta_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$  such that

- (1)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z)$ ,
- (2)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = e(-z - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z)$ , and
- (3)  $\theta_\alpha(z) = e(\alpha z + \frac{\alpha}{2n} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-n)}{2n}\eta) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta)$ .

If the functions  $\theta_\alpha$  in (2-4) satisfy (2), then  $r$  is divisible by  $n$ . If  $r$  is divisible by  $n$ , then the functions  $\theta_\alpha$  in (2-4) have properties (1), (2), and (3).

2.2.5. *The "standard" definition of  $\theta_\alpha$ .* From now on, unless otherwise stated,  $\theta_\alpha$  denotes the function in (2-4) with  $r = 0$  modulo  $n$ .<sup>8</sup> We repeat this definition in (2-6) below. As remarked in §2.2.4, the function  $\theta_\alpha$  in (2-6) is the same as the function  $\theta_\alpha$  defined in Odesskii's survey [Ode02, Appendix A].

**Proposition 2.6.** *The functions*

$$(2-6) \quad \theta_\alpha(z) := e\left(\alpha z + \frac{\alpha}{2n} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-n)}{2n}\eta\right) \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \theta\left(z + \frac{m}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n}\eta\right),$$

*indexed by  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , have the following properties:*

- (1)  $\theta_{\alpha+n} = \theta_\alpha$ .
- (2)  $\{\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{n-1}\}$  is a basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ .
- (3)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z)$ .
- (4)  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = e(-z - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z)$ .
- (5)  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz + \frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ .
- (6) *The zeros of  $\theta_\alpha$  are the points in  $-\frac{\alpha}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$  and all of them have multiplicity one.*
- (7) *For all  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{r}{n}\eta) = e(-rz - \frac{r}{2n} + \frac{rn-r^2}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+r}(z)$ .*

*Proof.* All of this, with the exception of part (7) has been proved before. The formula in (7) is first proved by induction for all  $r \geq 0$ , then, by replacing  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha - r$  and  $z$  by  $z - \frac{r}{n}\eta$  in the formula, one sees that it holds for all  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

<sup>7</sup>If we write  $n = 2^p(2l+1)$  as in [OF89], then  $r = -l$  modulo  $n$ .

<sup>8</sup>The function in (2-4) only depends on  $r$  modulo  $n$ .

The basis  $\theta_0$  for  $\Theta_0(\Lambda)$  is the function  $\theta$  defined in (2-1).

2.2.6. A basis for  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  can be constructed from the basis  $\theta_\alpha$  for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda) = \Theta_{n, \frac{n-1}{2}}(\Lambda)$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** *For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $\theta_\alpha$  be the function defined in (2-6). The functions*

$$\theta_{\alpha,c}(z) := \theta_\alpha(z - \frac{1}{n}c + \frac{n-1}{2n})$$

have the following properties:

- (1)  $\theta_{\alpha+n,c} = \theta_{\alpha,c}$ .
- (2)  $\{\theta_{0,c}, \dots, \theta_{n-1,c}\}$  is a basis of  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ .
- (3)  $\theta_{\alpha,c}(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{\alpha,c}(z)$ .
- (4)  $\theta_{\alpha,c}(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = -e(-z + \frac{1}{n}c + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1,c}(z)$ .
- (5)  $\theta_{\alpha, \frac{n-1}{2}}(z) = \theta_\alpha(z)$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that (5) holds.

The properties (1),  $\theta_{\alpha,c}(z+1) = \theta_{\alpha,c}(z)$ , and  $\theta_{\alpha,c}(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{\alpha,c}(z)$  follow from the same properties of  $\theta_\alpha$ . Let  $d := \frac{1}{n}c - \frac{n-1}{2n}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{\alpha,c}(z + \eta) &= \theta_\alpha(z + \eta - d) \\ &= -e(-nz + nd)\theta_\alpha(z - d) \\ &= -e(-nz + c - \frac{n-1}{2})\theta_{\alpha,c}(z) \\ &= (-1)^n e(-nz + c)\theta_{\alpha,c}(z). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\theta_{\alpha,c} \in \Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ . Since the  $\theta_{0,c}, \dots, \theta_{n-1,c}$  are eigenvectors for the linear operator  $f(z) \mapsto f(z + \frac{1}{n})$  with different eigenvalues and the dimension of  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  is  $n$ , they are a basis for  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ .

Statement (4) holds because

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{\alpha,c}(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) &= \theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta - d) \\ &= e(-z + d - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z - d) \\ &= e(-z + \frac{1}{n}c - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1,c}(z) \\ &= -e(-z + \frac{1}{n}c + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1,c}(z). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is now complete. □

In [Ode02, Appendix A], Odesskii considered another basis  $\{\theta_\alpha(z - \frac{1}{n}c - \frac{n-1}{2n}) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$  for  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$ . It is a basis because

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_\alpha(z - \frac{1}{n}c - \frac{n-1}{2n}) &= \theta_\alpha(z - \frac{1}{n}c + \frac{n-1}{2n} - 1 + \frac{1}{n}) \\ &= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z - \frac{1}{n}c + \frac{n-1}{2n}) \\ &= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{\alpha,c}(z). \end{aligned}$$

2.3.  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  as a representation of the Heisenberg group. Fix  $d \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be the operators on the space of meromorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (S \cdot f)(z) &= f(z + \frac{1}{n}), \\ (T \cdot f)(z) &= e(z + d)f(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta). \end{aligned}$$

Both  $S$  and  $T$  are invertible and satisfy  $ST = e(\frac{1}{n})TS$ .

It is clear that  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is stable under the action of  $S$  and  $T$  and that  $S^n$  acts as the identity on  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ . When  $d = \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta$  the operator  $T^n$  also acts as the identity on  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  because

$$\begin{aligned} (T^n \cdot f)(z) &= e(z+d)(T^{n-1} \cdot f)(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) \\ &= e(z+d)e(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta + d)(T^{n-2} \cdot f)(z + \frac{2}{n}\eta) \\ &= \dots \\ &= e(z+d)e(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta + d) \dots e(z + \frac{n-1}{n}\eta + d)f(z + \frac{n}{n}\eta) \\ &= e(nz + nd + \frac{n-1}{2}\eta)f(z + \eta) \\ &= -e(nd + \frac{n-1}{2}\eta)f(z) \\ &= f(z). \end{aligned}$$

This leads to a representation of the Heisenberg group of order  $n^3$  on  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ . This group is

$$(2-7) \quad H_n := \langle S, T, \epsilon \mid S^n = T^n = \epsilon^n = 1, \epsilon = [S, T], [S, \epsilon] = [T, \epsilon] = 1 \rangle.$$

**Lemma 2.8.** *The space  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is an irreducible representation of  $H_n$  via the actions*

$$\begin{aligned} (S \cdot f)(z) &= f(z + \frac{1}{n}), \\ (T \cdot f)(z) &= e(z + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)f(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta). \end{aligned}$$

The action on the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's in (2-6) is

$$\begin{aligned} S \cdot \theta_\alpha &= e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha, \\ T \cdot \theta_\alpha &= \theta_{\alpha+1}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The action of  $S$  and  $T$  on the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's is as claimed because  $\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}) = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha(z)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} (T \cdot \theta_\alpha)(z) &= e(z + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_\alpha(z + \frac{1}{n}\eta) \\ &= e(z + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)e(-z - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{\alpha+1}(z) \\ &= \theta_{\alpha+1}(z). \end{aligned}$$

Because the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's are  $S$ -eigenvectors with different eigenvalues, every subspace of  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  that is stable under the action of  $S$  is spanned by some of the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's. Since  $T \cdot \theta_\alpha = \theta_{\alpha+1}$  the only non-zero subrepresentation of  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  itself. Hence  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is an irreducible representation of  $H_n$ .  $\square$

**2.4. Embedding  $E$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  via  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ .** Evaluation at a point  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  provides a surjective linear map  $\Theta_n(\Lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . The kernel of this evaluation map depends only on the coset  $z + \Lambda$  so there is a well-defined map from  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  to the set of codimension-one subspaces of  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  or, what is essentially the same thing, a holomorphic map

$$(2-8) \quad \iota : E \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$$

to the projective space of 1-dimensional subspaces of  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*$ . Since  $E$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$  are smooth projective varieties,  $\iota$  is a morphism of algebraic varieties [GH78, p. 170].

Since the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's are a basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  they form a system of homogeneous coordinate functions on  $\mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$ . With respect to this system of homogeneous coordinates the map in (2-8) is

$$z \mapsto (\theta_0(z), \dots, \theta_{n-1}(z)).$$

Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . Since the pullback  $\iota^*\mathcal{O}(1)$  of the twisting sheaf  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$  has degree  $n$ , [Har77, Cor. IV.3.2] implies that  $\iota^*\mathcal{O}(1)$  is very ample. Hence  $\iota$  is a closed immersion. We will often identify  $E$  with its image under  $\iota$ . Each linear form on  $\mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$  vanishes at exactly  $n$  points of  $E$  counted with multiplicity and the sum of those points is the image of  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  in  $E$ . Conversely, if  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  are points on  $E$  whose sum is the image of  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  there is a function  $f \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ , unique up to non-zero scalar multiples, that vanishes exactly at  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  modulo  $\Lambda$ , counted with multiplicity.

Since  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is a representation of  $H_n$ , its dual  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*$  becomes a representation of  $H_n$  with respect to the contragredient action  $(g \cdot \varphi)(f) = \varphi(g^{-1} \cdot f)$  for  $g \in H_n$ ,  $\varphi \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)^*$ , and  $f \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ . Thus  $H_n$  acts as linear automorphisms of  $\mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$ . For example, if  $z \in E$ , then

$$S \cdot (\theta_0(z), \dots, \theta_{n-1}(z)) = (\theta_0(z - \frac{1}{n}), \dots, \theta_{n-1}(z - \frac{1}{n})).$$

Since the commutator  $[S, T]$  acts on  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  as multiplication by  $e(\frac{1}{n})$ , it acts trivially on  $\mathbb{P}(\Theta_n(\Lambda)^*)$ . Thus, the action of  $H_n$  factors through the quotient of  $H_n$  by the subgroup generated by  $[S, T]$ . This quotient is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**2.5. Another basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  when  $n$  is odd.** As we explained in §2.2.2, the characterization of the basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  in the Kiev preprint [FO89] is not compatible with (2-4) and, even after removing condition (3) in §2.2.2, it is only compatible when  $n$  is odd, and in that case, the integer  $r$  (modulo  $n$ ), and hence the definition of the basis, coincides with that of [OF89] described in §2.2.3.

We denote that basis by  $\psi_0, \dots, \psi_{n-1}$ . Explicitly, we assume that  $n$  is odd, and the  $\psi_\alpha$ 's are the functions in (2-4) with  $r = \frac{n+1}{2}$  (modulo  $n$ ); i.e.,

$$\psi_\alpha(z) = e\left(-\frac{\alpha(n+1)}{2n}\right) \theta_\alpha(z).$$

The bases  $\{\theta_\alpha\}$  and  $\{\psi_\alpha\}$  coincide if and only if  $n = 1$ .

The transformation properties of the  $\{\psi_\alpha\}$ 's are given by Lemma 2.5.

For some purposes the  $\psi_\alpha$ 's are a "better" basis than the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's. Define  $\nu \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^{n-1})$  by

$$\nu(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) := (x_0, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1)$$

as in [Fis10, Lem. 3.5]. By property (3) in §2.2.3,  $\psi_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz)\psi_{-\alpha}(z)$ . The closed immersion  $\psi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  given by  $\psi(z) = (\psi_0(z), \dots, \psi_{n-1}(z))$  therefore fits into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \\ [-1] \downarrow & & \downarrow \nu \\ E & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \end{array}$$

where  $[-1] : E \rightarrow E$  is the automorphism that sends  $z$  to  $-z$ ; i.e., if  $\psi(z) = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ , then  $\psi(-z) = (x_0, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1)$

The only other places in this paper where the functions  $\psi_\alpha$  appear are §§2.2.2 and 3.1.4.

### 3. DEFINITIONS AND BASIC PROPERTIES OF $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$

From now on,  $n > k \geq 1$  are relatively prime integers.

For the remainder of this paper the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's are the functions defined in (2-6).

#### 3.1. The definition of $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ and $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ when $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ .

Fix  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , and let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with basis  $\{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ .

**Definition 3.1.**  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is the quotient of the free algebra  $TV = \mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  by the  $n^2$  relations

$$(3-1) \quad r_{ij} = r_{ij}(\tau) := \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r}x_{i+r}, \quad i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

The space of quadratic relations is denoted

$$\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) := \text{span}\{r_{ij}(\tau) \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} \subseteq V \otimes V.$$

For  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ ,  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  and  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  will be defined in Definition 3.11.

3.1.1. Although our definition of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  differs from that in [OF89, OF93, OF95, FO98, Ode92], our  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) =$  their  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .

In [OF89, OF93, OF95, FO98, Ode92] the term  $x_{j-r}x_{i+r}$  in (3-1) is replaced by  $x_{k(j-r)}x_{k(i+r)}$ . This is just a change of variables: our  $x_i$  is their  $x_{ki}$ . Proposition 3.21 below shows there is an isomorphism  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k'}(E, \tau)$  given by  $x_i \mapsto x_{ki}$ . Thus, the algebra we call  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  with ordered basis  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$  is the same as the algebra  $Q_{n,k'}(E, \tau)$  with ordered basis  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$  in *loc. cit.*

3.1.2. When  $k = 1$ , our relation  $r_{ij} = 0$  is identical to that at [Ode02, (18), p. 1143]; that definition of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is used in Odesskii's subsequent papers [OR08, ORTP11a, ORTP11b].

3.1.3. Suppose  $k = 1$ . Then  $r_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$  because  $\theta_0(0) = 0$ . Thus, whenever we speak of  $r_{ij}$  when  $k = 1$  we will assume that  $i \neq j$ . (When  $k \neq 1$ ,  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  is non-zero for all  $i, j$  and all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ .) When  $i \neq j$  all the structure constants in  $r_{ij}$  have the same numerator so  $r_{ij}$  can be replaced by the relation

$$(3-2) \quad \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{x_{j-r}x_{i+r}}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_r(\tau)} = 0.$$

3.1.4. *Relations for  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  when  $n$  is odd.* In the Kiev preprint [FO89, §3],  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is defined for odd  $n \geq 3$  as the free algebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  modulo the  $n(n-1)$  relations

$$(3-3) \quad \frac{x_i^2}{\theta_j(\tau)\theta_{-j}(\tau)} + \frac{x_{i-1}x_{i+1}}{\theta_{1+j}(\tau)\theta_{1-j}(\tau)} + \dots + \frac{x_{i-(n-1)}x_{i+n-1}}{\theta_{n-1+j}(\tau)\theta_{n-1-j}(\tau)} = 0$$

indexed by  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times (\mathbb{Z}_n - \{0\})$ . These relations do not hold in our  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  because our  $\theta_\alpha$ 's are not the same as those in [FO89]. If  $n$  is odd and  $\omega = e(\frac{1}{n})$ , then the relations

$$(3-4) \quad \frac{x_i^2}{\theta_j(\tau)\theta_{-j}(\tau)} + \omega \frac{x_{i-1}x_{i+1}}{\theta_{1+j}(\tau)\theta_{1-j}(\tau)} + \dots + \omega^{n-1} \frac{x_{i-(n-1)}x_{i+n-1}}{\theta_{n-1+j}(\tau)\theta_{n-1-j}(\tau)} = 0, \quad (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times (\mathbb{Z}_n - \{0\}),$$

hold in  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ . If  $n$  is odd and  $\psi_\alpha(z) = e(-\frac{\alpha(n+1)}{2n})\theta_\alpha(z)$ , as in §2.5, then

$$(3-5) \quad \frac{x_i^2}{\psi_j(\tau)\psi_{-j}(\tau)} + \frac{x_{i-1}x_{i+1}}{\psi_{1+j}(\tau)\psi_{1-j}(\tau)} + \dots + \frac{x_{i-(n-1)}x_{i+n-1}}{\psi_{n-1+j}(\tau)\psi_{n-1-j}(\tau)} = 0$$

in  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ . It is likely that the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's in the Kiev preprint (for  $n$  odd) are the  $\psi_\alpha$ 's.

Proposition 3.24 provides relations for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  that are similar to those in (3-4) in the sense that the indices on the  $x$ 's involve  $i$  but not  $j$  and the indices on the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's involve  $j$  but not  $i$ .

**3.2. Extending the definition of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  to all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  when  $k = 1$ .** Feigin and Odesskii provide three ways to extend the definition of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  to all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ . The results in this section are theirs: we make some of their implicit statements explicit, fill in some details, and explain some incompatibilities between their conventions.

3.2.1. *Conventions.* If  $W$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space we will write  $\text{Sym}^d W$  and  $\text{Alt}^d W$  for the subspaces of  $W^{\otimes d}$  on which the symmetric group of order  $d!$  acts via the trivial and sign representations, respectively.

Let  $W$  be a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions on a set  $X$ . We adopt the convention that  $W^{\otimes d}$  acts as functions on  $X^d$  by  $(w_1 \otimes \dots \otimes w_d)(x_1, \dots, x_d) = w_1(x_1) \dots w_d(x_d)$ . Thus,  $\text{Sym}^d W$  (resp.,  $\text{Alt}^d W$ ) consists of symmetric (resp., anti- or skew-symmetric) functions  $X^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Fix  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . By the above convention,  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)^{\otimes d}$  is identified with the space of holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{C}^d$  such that  $f$  is a function in  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  in each variable.  $\text{Sym}^d \Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  and  $\text{Alt}^d \Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  are identified with those functions that are symmetric and anti-symmetric, respectively.*



*Proof.* Let  $f : \mathbb{C}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a holomorphic function that is a function in  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  in each variable. Since the function  $z_d \mapsto f(z_1, \dots, z_d)$  belongs to  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  for each  $(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{d-1}$ , there are unique functions  $\rho_\alpha : \mathbb{C}^{d-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , such that

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_d) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \rho_\alpha(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}) \theta_{\alpha,c}(z_d)$$

as functions of  $z_d$ , where  $\{\theta_{\alpha,c} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$  is the basis for  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  defined in [Proposition 2.7](#). The quasi-periodicity of  $f$  with respect to  $z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}$  implies that the  $\rho_\alpha$ 's have the same quasi-periodicity properties.

We will now show that  $\rho_\alpha$  is a holomorphic function. Since  $\{\theta_{0,c}, \dots, \theta_{n-1,c}\}$  is linearly independent,

$$\text{span}\{(\theta_{0,c}(z), \dots, \theta_{n-1,c}(z)) \mid z \in \mathbb{C}\} = \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Thus, for fixed  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , there is a finite set of points  $(t_i, x_i) \in \mathbb{C}^2$  such that  $\sum_i t_i \theta_{\alpha,c}(x_i) = \delta_{\alpha,\beta}$ , the Kronecker delta. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\beta(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}) &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \rho_\alpha(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}) \delta_{\alpha,\beta} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \sum_i \rho_\alpha(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}) t_i \theta_{\alpha,c}(x_i) \\ &= \sum_i t_i f(z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}, x_i) \end{aligned}$$

is a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}^{d-1}$ . Therefore  $\rho_\alpha$  is a function in  $\Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda)$  in each variable.

Applying this procedure to  $\rho_\alpha$  inductively, we deduce that  $f$  is a linear combination of the functions of the form  $\theta_{\alpha_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \theta_{\alpha_d}$ , and the uniqueness of  $\rho_\alpha$  in each step implies that the coefficients of  $\theta_{\alpha_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \theta_{\alpha_d}$ 's are unique. This proves the first statement. The second statement follows.  $\square$

**3.2.2. Definition of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  via an “elliptic” shuffle product.** The symmetric algebra  $SV := TV/(\text{Alt}^2 V)$  is naturally isomorphic as a graded  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra to

$$\text{Sym } V := \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} \text{Sym}^d V \subseteq TV$$

when  $\text{Sym } V$  is endowed with the shuffle product. Feigin and Odesskii proved an “elliptic” analogue of this result. We now follow [[Ode02](#), §2] and [[FO01](#), §1] with some small changes that we will comment on later.

Let  $c = \frac{n-1}{2}$ . For  $d \geq 1$ , by [Lemma 3.2](#), the space  $\text{Sym}^d \Theta_{n,c+(1-d)n\tau}(\Lambda)$  is identified with the space of symmetric holomorphic functions  $f(z_1, \dots, z_d)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^d$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_1 + 1, z_2, \dots, z_d) &= f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_d) \\ f(z_1 + \eta, z_2, \dots, z_d) &= e(-nz_1 + c + (1-d)n\tau + \frac{n}{2}) f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_d). \end{aligned}$$

with the convention  $\text{Sym}^0 = \mathbb{C}$ . We now define the graded vector space

$$F = F_n(E, \tau) := \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} \text{Sym}^d \Theta_{n,c+(1-d)n\tau}(\Lambda).$$

Note that  $F_0 = \mathbb{C}$  and  $F_1 = \Theta_{n,c}(\Lambda) = \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ . Since  $\dim \Theta_{m,c}(\Lambda) = m$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  and all  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\dim F_d = \binom{n+d-1}{d}$ , which is the same as the dimension of the degree- $d$  component of the polynomial ring on  $n$  variables.

For  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , let  $S_{\alpha+\beta}$  denote the group of permutations of  $\{1, \dots, \alpha + \beta\}$  and define

$$S_{\alpha|\beta} := \{\sigma \in S_{\alpha+\beta} \mid \sigma(1) < \dots < \sigma(\alpha) \text{ and } \sigma(\alpha+1) < \dots < \sigma(\alpha+\beta)\}.$$

**Proposition 3.3.** [Ode02, p. 1137 and Prop. 10, p. 1142]<sup>9</sup> *The space  $F_n(E, \tau)$  is a graded  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra with respect to the multiplication  $*$  defined as follows: if  $f \in F_\alpha$  and  $g \in F_\beta$ , then*

$$(3-6) \quad (f * g)(z_1, \dots, z_{\alpha+\beta})$$

$$(3-7) \quad := \frac{1}{\alpha! \beta!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{\alpha+\beta}} c_{\alpha, \beta, \sigma}(\mathbf{z}) f(z_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(\alpha)}) g(z_{\sigma(\alpha+1)} + 2\alpha\tau, \dots, z_{\sigma(\alpha+\beta)} + 2\alpha\tau)$$

$$(3-8) \quad = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{\alpha|\beta}} c_{\alpha, \beta, \sigma}(\mathbf{z}) f(z_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(\alpha)}) g(z_{\sigma(\alpha+1)} + 2\alpha\tau, \dots, z_{\sigma(\alpha+\beta)} + 2\alpha\tau)$$

where

$$c_{\alpha, \beta, \sigma}(\mathbf{z}) = c_{\alpha, \beta, \sigma}(z_1, \dots, z_{\alpha+\beta}) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq \alpha \\ \alpha+1 \leq j \leq \alpha+\beta}} \frac{\theta(z_{\sigma(i)} - z_{\sigma(j)} + n\tau)}{\theta(z_{\sigma(i)} - z_{\sigma(j)})}.$$

If  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , the map  $x_i \mapsto \theta_i$  extends to a homomorphism of graded  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras,  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) \rightarrow F_n(E, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* It is proved in [Ode02, Prop. 5, p. 1137] that  $f * g$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^{\alpha+\beta}$ . A straightforward computation shows that  $*$  is associative.

To prove that the map  $x_i \mapsto \theta_i$  extends to a homomorphism we must show that

$$(3-9) \quad \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{1}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau) \theta_r(\tau)} (\theta_{j-r} * \theta_{i+r})(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  and all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ . If  $f, g \in F_1 = \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ , then

$$(3-10) \quad (f * g)(x, y) = f(x)g(y + 2\tau) \frac{\theta(x - y + n\tau)}{\theta(x - y)} + f(y)g(x + 2\tau) \frac{\theta(y - x + n\tau)}{\theta(y - x)}$$

so we must show that

$$\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{1}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau) \theta_r(\tau)} \times \left( \frac{\theta(x - y + n\tau)}{\theta(x - y)} \theta_{j-r}(x) \theta_{i+r}(y + 2\tau) + \frac{\theta(y - x + n\tau)}{\theta(y - x)} \theta_{j-r}(y) \theta_{i+r}(x + 2\tau) \right) = 0.$$

After changing notation, equation (30) in [Ode02] (see also [CKS19, Cor. 5.10]) says that

$$(3-11) \quad \frac{\theta(-n\tau + x - y)}{\theta(x - y)} \left( \theta_i(x + \tau) \theta_j(y + \tau) - \theta_i(y + \tau) \theta_j(x + \tau) \right)$$

$$(3-12) \quad = d \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{1}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau) \theta_r(\tau)} \theta_{j-r}(x) \theta_{i+r}(y + 2\tau)$$

where  $d = \frac{1}{n} \theta(\frac{1}{n}) \dots \theta(\frac{n-1}{n}) \theta(-n\tau) \theta_{j-i}(0)$ . So we must show that (3-13) + (3-14) = 0 where

$$(3-13) \quad \frac{\theta(x - y + n\tau)}{\theta(x - y)} d^{-1} \frac{\theta(-n\tau + x - y)}{\theta(x - y)} \left( \theta_i(x + \tau) \theta_j(y + \tau) - \theta_i(y + \tau) \theta_j(x + \tau) \right)$$

and

$$(3-14) \quad \frac{\theta(y - x + n\tau)}{\theta(y - x)} d^{-1} \frac{\theta(-n\tau + y - x)}{\theta(y - x)} \left( \theta_i(y + \tau) \theta_j(x + \tau) - \theta_i(x + \tau) \theta_j(y + \tau) \right).$$

However,  $\theta(-z) = -e(-z)\theta(z)$ , so

$$\frac{\theta(x - y + n\tau)}{\theta(x - y)} d^{-1} \frac{\theta(-n\tau + x - y)}{\theta(x - y)} = \frac{\theta(y - x + n\tau)}{\theta(y - x)} d^{-1} \frac{\theta(-n\tau + y - x)}{\theta(y - x)}.$$

It follows that (3-13) + (3-14) = 0. □

<sup>9</sup>See also [FO98, Prop., p. 37].

**Proposition 3.3** should be compared to Proposition 10 in Odesskii's survey [Ode02, p. 1142] which says that the map  $x_i \mapsto \theta_i$  extends to an algebra isomorphism  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) \rightarrow F_n(E, -\tau)$ ; this is not correct—the last sentence on p. 1142 is not true. Indeed, when  $z_1 - z_2 = n\tau$ , that sentence (with  $\eta$  replaced by  $\tau$ ) and (3-11) = (3-12) imply that  $\theta_i(z_1 - n\tau + \tau)\theta_j(z_1 - 3\tau) - \theta_i(z_1 - 3\tau)\theta_j(z_1 - n\tau + \tau) = 0$  for all  $i, j, z_1, \tau$ . However, if  $z_1 = 3\tau - \frac{i}{n}\eta$ , then  $\theta_i(z_1 - 3\tau) = 0$  so that we obtain  $\theta_i(3\tau - \frac{i}{n}\eta - n\tau + \tau)\theta_j(-\frac{i}{n}\eta) = 0$  for all  $i, j, \tau$ ; this is clearly false. A corrected version of Proposition 10 would say that the map  $x_{-i} \mapsto \theta_i$  extends to an algebra homomorphism  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) \rightarrow F_n(E, -\tau)$  (by Proposition 3.22). We have not been able to verify whether this is an isomorphism when  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . For example, to show this map is surjective one would have to show that  $F_n(E, \tau)$  is generated by its degree-one component and we have not been able to verify that.

Since  $c_{\alpha, \beta, \sigma}(\mathbf{z}) = 1$  when  $\tau = 0$ , the multiplication on  $F_n(E, 0) = \text{Sym } \Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is the usual shuffle product.

3.2.3. *A definition of  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  as a space of the holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .* This subsection makes no use of the material in §3.2.2.

In this subsection we identify the degree-one component of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  with  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  via  $x_i \leftrightarrow \theta_i$ . With this convention,  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is a subspace of  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$  and elements of  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  are holomorphic functions  $\mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  (see the convention in §3.2.1).

**Proposition 3.4.** *Assume  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . The map*

$$\psi : \text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda) \longrightarrow \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$$

given by

$$(3-15) \quad \psi(f)(x, y) := \frac{\theta(x - y + (2 - n)\tau)}{\theta(x - y + 2\tau)} f(x + \tau, y - \tau)$$

is an isomorphism of vector spaces. Therefore

$$\dim \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\dim \Theta_n(\Lambda) = n$ , the dimension of  $\text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is  $\binom{n}{2}$ . Thus the final conclusion of the proposition follows from the first.

Let  $\Psi$  be the automorphism of the field of  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued meromorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  defined by the same formula as (3-15). Since  $\psi$  is a restriction of  $\Psi$ , it suffices to show that  $\Psi(\text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)) = \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ .

Since the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's form a basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ , the domain  $\text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)$  of  $\psi$  is the linear span of the functions

$$(3-16) \quad f_{i,j}(x, y) := \theta_i(x)\theta_j(y) - \theta_i(y)\theta_j(x), \quad i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

Define

$$(3-17) \quad h_{i,j}(x, y) := d \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{1}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_r(\tau)} \theta_{j-r}(x)\theta_{i+r}(y)$$

where  $d = \frac{1}{n}\theta(\frac{1}{n}) \cdots \theta(\frac{n-1}{n})\theta(-n\tau)\theta_{j-i}(0)$ . Because we are identifying  $V$  with  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  via  $x_i \leftrightarrow \theta_i$ ,

$$V^{\otimes 2} \ni r_{i,j} \longleftrightarrow d^{-1}\theta_{j-i}(0)h_{i,j} \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}.$$

Thus,  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) = \text{span}\{h_{i,j} \mid (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2\}$ .

The identity (3-11) = (3-12) says that  $\Psi(f_{i,j})(x, y + 2\tau) = h_{i,j}(x, y + 2\tau)$  so  $\Psi(f_{i,j}) = h_{i,j}$ . Therefore  $\Psi(\text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)) = \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ .  $\square$

In §3.2.6, we describe the relation between Proposition 3.4 and the description of  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  that is used in Tate and Van den Bergh's paper [TVdB96].

If we view  $h_{i,j}(x, y)$  as a meromorphic function of  $(x, y, \tau) \in \mathbb{C}^3$ , then the singularities at  $\mathbb{C}^2 \times \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  are removable.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Fix  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2$ . The function  $h_{i,j}(x, y)$ , viewed as a function of  $(x, y, \tau)$  defined on  $\mathbb{C}^2 \times (\mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda)$ , extends uniquely to a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .*

*Proof.* Assume  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . Since  $n\tau \in \Lambda$ ,  $\theta(-n\tau) = 0$ . If only one of  $\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)$  and  $\theta_r(\tau)$  is zero, the potential pole at  $\tau$  is canceled by the vanishing of  $\theta(-n\tau)$ .

If  $\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau) = \theta_r(\tau) = 0$ , then  $-\tau \in -\frac{j-i-r}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$  and  $\tau \in -\frac{r}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$ . It follows that  $0 \in -\frac{j-i}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$ , whence  $\theta_{j-i}(0) = 0$ ; thus  $h_{i,j}(x, y)$  is identically zero.  $\square$

We also write  $h_{i,j}(x, y)$  for the holomorphic extension of  $h_{i,j}(x, y)$  to  $\mathbb{C}^3$  and define, for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(3-18) \quad \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) := \text{span}\{h_{i,j} \mid (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2\}$$

and

$$(3-19) \quad Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) := \frac{T(\Theta_n(\Lambda))}{(\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau))}.$$

The isomorphism  $\psi$  in [Proposition 3.4](#) makes sense for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  so, for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\dim \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}.$$

**3.2.4. Comparing conventions and results in [OF89] with those in this paper.** The next result “disagrees” with the implicit assertion in [OF89, §2] that the quadratic relations for  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  are the functions in  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$  that satisfy the properties (a) and (b) at [OF89, pp. 210–211] (with  $s = 2$ ); condition (a) says that the the quadratic relations for  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  vanish on  $\{(x, x + (n-2)\tau) \mid x \in \mathbb{C}\}$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *The function  $h_{ij}$  vanishes on the line  $\{(x, x + (2-n)\tau) \mid x \in \mathbb{C}\}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .*

*Proof.* By (3-15),  $\psi(f_{ij})$  vanishes on this line. The conclusion follows because  $\psi(f_{ij}) = h_{ij}$ .  $\square$

The disagreement is apparent rather than real because Odesskii and Feigin are using a different (unstated) convention than the one we adopted just before [Proposition 3.4](#). In [OF89, §2] they use the convention that  $(f \otimes g)(x, y) = f(y)g(x)$ . That is appropriate because if  $U$  and  $V$  are finite dimensional vector spaces one should identify  $(U \otimes V)^*$  with  $V^* \otimes U^*$ , not with  $U^* \otimes V^*$ .<sup>10</sup> Nevertheless, we will use the convention stated just before [Proposition 3.4](#).

**3.2.5. A geometric definition of  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ .** Fix arbitrary points  $p_i = q_i + \Lambda \in E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , such that  $p_1 + \dots + p_n = \frac{n-1}{2} + \Lambda$  and define  $\mathcal{L} := \mathcal{O}_E(D)$ , where  $D = (p_1) + \dots + (p_n)$ . As mentioned in §2.4, there is  $s \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ , unique up to non-zero scalar multiples, that vanishes exactly at  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  modulo  $\Lambda$ , counted with multiplicity. There is an isomorphism of vector spaces  $\Theta_n(\Lambda) \rightarrow H^0(E, \mathcal{L})$ ,  $g \mapsto g/s$ , and hence an identification between  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$  and  $H^0(E \times E, \mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})$ . Each  $g \in \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) \subseteq \Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$  can therefore be considered as a global section of  $\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L}$  and as such it has a divisor of zeros that we denote by  $(g)_0$  (when  $g \neq 0$ ). By [Lemma 3.6](#),  $(g)_0$  contains the shifted diagonal  $\Delta_{(2-n)\tau} := \{(x, x + (2-n)\tau)\} \subseteq E^2$ .

The fixed locus of the involution  $(x, y) \mapsto (y - 2\tau, x + 2\tau)$  on  $E^2$  is  $\Delta_{2\tau} := \{(x, x + 2\tau)\}$ .

For non-zero  $g \in H^0(E \times E, \mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})$ , we define the following conditions:

- (a')  $(g)_0 - \Delta_{(2-n)\tau}$  is an effective divisor; i.e.,  $g$  vanishes along  $\Delta_{(2-n)\tau}$ .
- (b1')  $(g)_0 - \Delta_{(2-n)\tau}$  is stable under the involution  $(x, y) \mapsto (y - 2\tau, x + 2\tau)$  on  $E^2$ .
- (b2')  $(g)_0 - \Delta_{(2-n)\tau}$  contains  $\Delta_{2\tau}$  with even, possibly zero, multiplicity.

Condition (a') is the analogue of (a) at [OF89, pp. 210–211] for  $s = 2$ . Conditions (b1') and (b2') are the analogues of the first and the second assertions of (b), respectively, when  $s = 2$ . [Lemma 3.6](#) says that the quadratic relations for  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  satisfy condition (a').

Let

$$D'_2 := \{\text{functions in } \Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2} \text{ that satisfy (a'), (b1'), and (b2')}\} \cup \{0\}.$$

Thus,  $D'_2$  is the analogue of Odesskii and Feigin’s space  $D_2$  defined at [OF89, p. 210].

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $0 \neq g \in \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) \subseteq \Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$ . Then  $g$  satisfies (b1') and (b2').*

<sup>10</sup>That this is the “right” convention is apparent when  $U$  and  $V$  are finite dimensional modules over a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $A$ : if  $U$  is a right  $A$ -module and  $V$  a left  $A$ -module, then  $U^*$  becomes a left  $A$ -module and  $V^*$  becomes a right  $A$ -module and there is a natural map  $V^* \otimes_A U^* \rightarrow (U \otimes_A V)^*$  (one can not reverse the order of the tensorands in this situation).

*Proof.* (b1') If  $\psi$  is the isomorphism in [Proposition 3.4](#), then  $g = \psi(f)$  for some  $f \in \text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)$ . Let  $p(x, y)$  be the numerator of the fraction in [\(3-15\)](#) and let  $q(x, y) := g(x, y)/p(x, y)$ . The zero locus of  $g$  is the union of the zero loci of  $p$  and  $q$ , counted with multiplicity. The zero locus of  $p$  is the inverse image of  $\Delta_{(2-n)\tau}$  under the projection  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow E$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} q(y - 2\tau, x + 2\tau) &= \frac{f(y - \tau, x + \tau)}{\theta(y - x - 2\tau)} \\ &= \frac{-f(x + \tau, y - \tau)}{-e(y - x - 2\tau)\theta(x - y + 2\tau)} \\ &= \frac{q(x, y)}{e(y - x - 2\tau)}, \end{aligned}$$

the zero locus of  $q$  is stable under the involution  $(x, y) \mapsto (y - 2\tau, x + 2\tau)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Thus  $g$  satisfies (b1').

(b2') Write  $g = \psi(f)$  as before. Since  $f$  is an anti-symmetric function, the zero locus of  $f$  contains the diagonal  $\Delta = \{(x, x)\}$  with odd multiplicity. Suppose  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . Since the denominator of the fraction in [\(3-15\)](#) has zeros along  $\Delta_{2\tau}$  with multiplicity one and the zero locus of the numerator does not contain  $\Delta_{2\tau}$ , the zero locus of  $g = \psi(f)$  contains  $\Delta_{2\tau}$  with even multiplicity. If  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , then the theta functions in the numerator and the denominator of [\(3-15\)](#) cancel each other so  $g(x, y) = \psi(f)(x, y) = f(x + \tau, y - \tau)$  whence  $(g)_0$  contains  $\Delta_{2\tau}$  with odd multiplicity  $\geq 1$ . Hence  $(g)_0 - \Delta_{2\tau}$  contains  $\Delta_{2\tau}$  with even multiplicity.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) = D'_2$ .*

*Proof.* By [Lemmas 3.6](#) and [3.7](#),  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) \subseteq D'_2$ . For each  $g \in D'_2$ , define

$$\varphi(g)(x, y) := \frac{\theta(x - y)}{\theta(x - y - n\tau)} g(x - \tau, y + \tau).$$

It suffices to show that  $\varphi(g) \in \text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda)$  because having done that the (obvious) fact that  $\psi\varphi = \text{id}$  then implies that  $D'_2 \subseteq \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ .

Since  $g$  satisfies (a'),  $\varphi(g)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  and hence belongs to  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$ . Condition (b1') implies that  $(\varphi(g))_0$  is stable under the action  $(x, y) \mapsto (y, x)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Since the functions  $\varphi(g)(x, y)$  and  $\varphi(g)(y, x)$  have the same divisor of zeros, their ratio is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  that is doubly periodic with respect to both  $x$  and  $y$ , and therefore constant. So  $\varphi(g)(x, y) = a\varphi(g)(y, x)$  for some non-zero  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $\varphi(g)(x, y) = a\varphi(g)(y, x) = a^2\varphi(g)(x, y)$ ,  $a = \pm 1$ ; hence  $\varphi(g)$  is either symmetric or anti-symmetric. Condition (b2') implies that  $(\varphi(g))_0$  contains  $\Delta$  with odd multiplicity, so  $\varphi(g)$  is anti-symmetric.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9.** *Assume  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . The map  $x_i \mapsto \theta_i$  extends to an isomorphism*

$$(3-20) \quad Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{T(\Theta_n(\Lambda))}{(D'_2)}.$$

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of [Lemma 3.8](#).  $\square$

We could use the right-hand side of [\(3-20\)](#) to define  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ . That definition would agree with that in [\(3-19\)](#).

Since we are identifying  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  with  $H^0(E, \mathcal{L})$ , the isomorphism in [\(3-20\)](#) can be written as

$$(3-21) \quad Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) \cong \frac{T(H^0(E, \mathcal{L}))}{(D''_2)}$$

where  $D''_2$  is the subspace of  $H^0(E^2, \mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})$  consisting of the sections satisfying conditions (a'), (b1'), and (b2'). We could therefore use the right-hand side of [\(3-21\)](#) as a definition of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ .

The virtue of using the right-hand side of [\(3-21\)](#) as a definition of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is that it allows one to define  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  for *any* base field and any  $E$  having a line bundle of degree  $n$  [[TVdB96](#), §4.1]. It would be very useful to have a similar ‘‘geometric’’ definition of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  when  $k > 1$ .

3.2.6. *Comparison with Tate-Van den Bergh's construction of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ .* Denote by  $\tau$  the translation automorphism  $x \mapsto x + \tau$  of  $E$ . In [TVdB96, §4.1], Tate and Van den Bergh considered an isomorphism

$$\phi : (1, \tau^{-2})^*((\tau^* \mathcal{L} \boxtimes \tau^* \mathcal{L})(-\Delta)) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})(-\Delta_{(2-n)\tau})$$

where  $(1, \tau^{-2})(x, y) = (x, y - 2\tau)$ , and defined the space of quadratic relations for  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  to be  $\phi((1, \tau^{-2})^*(\text{Alt}^2 H^0(E, \tau^* \mathcal{L})))$ .<sup>11</sup> We will now describe the relation between  $\phi$  and the isomorphism  $\psi : \text{Alt}^2 \Theta_n(\Lambda) \rightarrow \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  in Proposition 3.4.

The domain  $(1, \tau^{-2})^*((\tau^* \mathcal{L} \boxtimes \tau^* \mathcal{L})(-\Delta))$  of  $\phi$  equals  $(\tau^* \mathcal{L} \boxtimes (\tau^{-1})^* \mathcal{L})(-\Delta_{2\tau})$  and  $\phi$  is the composition

$$(3-22) \quad (\tau^* \mathcal{L} \boxtimes (\tau^{-1})^* \mathcal{L})(-\Delta_{2\tau}) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} (\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})(-\Delta) \xrightarrow{\delta} (\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L})(-\Delta_{(2-n)\tau})$$

where  $\varepsilon(f)(x, y) := f(x - \tau, y + \tau)$  and

$$\delta(f)(x, y) := \frac{s(x + \tau)s(y - \tau)}{s(x)s(y)} \frac{\theta(x - y + (2 - n)\tau)}{\theta(x - y + 2\tau)} f(x + \tau, y - \tau)$$

where  $s \in \Theta_n(\Lambda)$  is the function identified in the first paragraph of §3.2.5. The map  $\delta$  is the global version of the isomorphism  $\psi$  in Proposition 3.4; the terms involving  $s$  in the definition of  $\delta$  occur because we are identifying  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  and  $H^0(\mathcal{L})$  via  $g \mapsto g/s$ .

Thus  $H^0$  applied to (3-22) induces isomorphisms

$$(1, \tau^{-2})^*(\text{Alt}^2 H^0(E, \tau^* \mathcal{L})) \xrightarrow{H^0(\varepsilon)} \text{Alt}^2 H^0(\mathcal{L}) \xrightarrow{H^0(\delta)} \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$$

where the last isomorphism  $H^0(\delta)$  is equal to  $\psi$  via the identification  $\Theta_n(\Lambda) \cong H^0(\mathcal{L})$ .

3.3. **Extending the definition of  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  and  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  to all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  when  $k \geq 1$ .** In this subsection we consider three ways of defining  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , and show they produce the same space in “good” situations.

3.3.1. *The first method.* If  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  and  $r_{ij}(\tau) \neq 0$ , we define

$$L_{ij}(\tau) := \mathbb{C}r_{ij}(\tau).$$

In Proposition 3.10 we use a standard result in projective algebraic geometry to define  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ; in Definition 3.11 we then define  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  to be the linear span of these  $L_{ij}(\tau)$ 's. We do *not* define  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  for all  $\tau$ .

**Proposition 3.10.** *Fix  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2$  such that  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  is not identically zero on  $\mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . When  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , let  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  be the 1-dimensional subspace of  $V \otimes V$  spanned by the element  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  in (3-1). The map*

$$(3-23) \quad L_{ij} : E - E[n] \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V), \quad \tau \mapsto L_{ij}(\tau),$$

*is a morphism of algebraic varieties and extends uniquely to a morphism  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  that we continue to denote by  $L_{ij}$ .*

*Proof.* Since the zeros of the  $\theta_\alpha$ 's belong to  $\frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , the hypothesis that  $\tau$  is not in  $\frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  ensures that the coefficient of every  $x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r}$  in  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  is a well-defined number. By hypothesis, at least one of those coefficients is non-zero so  $r_{ij}(\tau) \neq 0$  for all  $\tau \in E - E[n]$ . As remarked in §3.1, the subspace  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  depends only the image of  $\tau$  in  $E - E[n]$ . Hence  $L_{ij}$  is a well-defined map from  $E - E[n]$ .

Since the map  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  given by  $z \mapsto (\theta_0(z), \dots, \theta_{n-1}(z))$  is a morphism of algebraic varieties, the ratios  $\theta_\alpha(z)/\theta_\beta(z)$  are rational functions on  $E$  and therefore regular functions on  $E - E[n]$ . Thus, since  $\theta_\alpha(-\tau) = -e(-n\tau + \frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{-\alpha}(\tau)$ , the ratio of any two of the coefficients of  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  is a regular function on  $E - E[n]$ . Hence  $L_{ij}$  is a morphism of algebraic varieties.

Since  $E$  is a non-singular curve,  $L_{ij}$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  by using [Har77, Prop. I.6.8] repeatedly.  $\square$

<sup>11</sup>The automorphisms  $\sigma$  and  $\theta$  in [TVdB96, §4.1] are our  $\tau^{-1}$  and  $\tau^2$ , respectively.



If  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  is not identically zero on  $\mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , we will abuse notation and define, for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$L_{ij}(\tau) := L_{ij}(\text{the image of } \tau \text{ in } E) \subseteq V^{\otimes 2}.$$

**Definition 3.11.** For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) &:= \text{the subspace of } V^{\otimes 2} \text{ spanned by the } L_{ij}(\tau)\text{'s,} \\ Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) &:= \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle}{(\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau))}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $k = 1$ , this definition agrees with the definition of  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  in (3-18) (Proposition 3.16).

**Proposition 3.12.** For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Q_{2,1}(E, \tau) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, x_1]$ , a polynomial ring on two variables.

*Proof.* First we consider the case  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{2}\Lambda$ . Since  $\theta_0(0) = 0$ ,  $r_{00} = r_{11} = 0$ . The other relations in (3-1) are

$$\begin{aligned} r_{01} &= \theta_1(0) \left( \frac{x_1 x_0}{\theta_1(-\tau)\theta_0(\tau)} + \frac{x_0 x_1}{\theta_0(-\tau)\theta_1(\tau)} \right), \quad \text{and} \\ r_{10} &= \theta_1(0) \left( \frac{x_0 x_1}{\theta_1(-\tau)\theta_0(\tau)} + \frac{x_1 x_0}{\theta_0(-\tau)\theta_1(\tau)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, x_1 \rangle$ . Since  $n = 2$ ,

$$\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-2z + \frac{\alpha}{2})\theta_{-\alpha}(z).$$

In particular,  $\theta_0(-z) = -e(-2z)\theta_0(z)$  and  $\theta_1(-z) = e(-2z)\theta_1(z)$  so

$$r_{01} = -\frac{\theta_1(0)}{e(-2\tau)\theta_0(\tau)\theta_1(\tau)}(x_0 x_1 - x_1 x_0) = -r_{10}.$$

Let  $(i, j) = (0, 1)$  or  $(1, 0)$ . The morphism  $L_{ij} : E - E[2] \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  is constant with value  $\mathbb{C} \cdot (x_0 x_1 - x_1 x_0)$  so it extends to the constant morphism  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  sending every point in  $E$  to  $\mathbb{C} \cdot (x_0 x_1 - x_1 x_0)$ . Therefore  $\text{rel}_{2,1}(E, \tau) = \mathbb{C} \cdot (x_0 x_1 - x_1 x_0)$  and  $Q_{2,1}(E, \tau) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, x_1]$ .  $\square$

**3.3.2. The second method.** For each  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , and each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , we define the linear operator  $R_\tau(z) : V^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow V^{\otimes 2}$  by the formula

$$(3-24) \quad R_\tau(z)(x_i \otimes x_j) := \frac{\theta_0(-z) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(-z)}{\theta_1(0) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(0)} \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+r(k-1)}(-z + \tau)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-z)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r}$$

for all  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2$ . The fact that  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  ensures that  $\theta_{kr}(\tau) \neq 0$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  whence  $z \mapsto R_\tau(z)$  is a holomorphic function  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V^{\otimes 2})$ .

If  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , then the term before the  $\Sigma$  symbol in (3-24) is non-zero at  $z = \tau$  so  $R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j)$  is a non-zero scalar multiple of  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  and  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \text{the image of } R_\tau(\tau)$ .

The term  $\theta_1(0) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(0)$  before the  $\Sigma$  sign is a normalization factor which ensures that  $R_\tau(0)$  is the identity operator on  $V^{\otimes 2}$ . The importance of this becomes apparent in one of our later papers when we exploit the fact that  $R_\tau(z)$  is a solution to the quantum Yang-Baxter equation (with spectral parameter). The normalization factor plays no role in this paper.

As a function of  $\tau$ ,  $R_\tau(\tau)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  and its singularities at  $\frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  are removable:

**Lemma 3.13.** The function  $\tau \mapsto R_\tau(\tau)$  extends uniquely to a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ , which we also denote by  $R_\tau(\tau)$ .<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup>We warn the reader that  $R_0(0)$ , which is defined to be  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} R_\tau(\tau)$ , does not equal  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} R_\tau(-\tau)$  (see [CKS20, §5]).

*Proof.* If the two theta functions in the denominator of one of the summands in the expression

$$(3-25) \quad R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) = \frac{\theta_0(-\tau) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(-\tau)}{\theta_1(0) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(0)} \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+r(k-1)}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau) \theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r}$$

both vanish at  $\tau$ , then  $-\tau \in -\frac{j-i-r}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$  and  $\tau \in -\frac{kr}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$  so  $0 \in -\frac{j-i+(k-1)r}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\eta$ , whence  $\theta_{j-i+r(k-1)}(0) = 0$ . Each summand therefore has at most a pole of order 1 at  $\tau$  which is canceled out by the order-one zero at  $\tau$  that appears in the term before the  $\Sigma$  sign.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.14.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$\mathbb{C}.R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \tau = \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } i - j = (k' - 1)b \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n, \\ L_{ij}(\tau) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) \neq 0$ . There is a neighborhood  $U \subseteq E$  of  $\tau + \Lambda$  on which the function  $z \mapsto \mathbb{C}.R_z(z)(x_i \otimes x_j)$  is a non-vanishing continuous function  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$ . Since this function agrees with the function  $z \mapsto L_{ij}(z)$  on  $U \cap (E - E[n])$ , these two functions agree on  $U$ . Hence  $\mathbb{C}.R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) = L_{ij}(\tau)$ .

Now we assume that  $R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) = 0$ .

If  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , then  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  would be non-zero and  $R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j)$  would be a non-zero scalar multiple of  $r_{ij}(\tau)$ ; but this is not the case, so we conclude that  $\tau = \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since the term before the  $\Sigma$  sign in (3-24) has a zero of order 1 at  $z = \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta$ ,  $\theta_{j-i+r(k-1)}(0)$  must be 0 whenever  $\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau) = 0$ ; i.e.,  $j - i + r(k - 1) = 0$  when  $j - i - r = b$  and when  $kr = -b$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ); i.e.,  $j - i + (j - i - b)(k - 1) = j - i - k'b(k - 1) = 0$ ; hence  $j - i + (k' - 1)b = 0$ .  $\square$

The next proof uses two results that are proved in later sections.

**Proposition 3.15.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \text{the image of } R_\tau(\tau).$$

*Proof.* If  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , then  $\mathbb{C}.R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) = L_{ij}(\tau)$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  for which  $r_{ij}$  is not identically zero on  $\mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  so  $\text{im } R_\tau(\tau) = \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . It therefore remains to prove the result when  $\tau = \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For the rest of the proof we assume that is the case.

If  $i - j \neq (k' - 1)b$ , then  $\mathbb{C}.R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j) = L_{ij}(\tau)$ . Hence

$$\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \text{im } R_\tau(\tau) + \sum_{\substack{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n \\ i - j = (k' - 1)b}} L_{ij}(\tau).$$

We will complete the proof by showing that the  $L_{ij}(\tau)$ 's for which  $i - j = (k' - 1)b$  are contained in the sum of the  $L_{i',j'}(\tau)$ 's for which  $j' - i' + (k' - 1)b \neq 0$ .

With that goal in mind, assume  $i - j = (k' - 1)b$ . By Lemma 4.2,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{ij}(\tau) &= (1 \otimes S^{-k-1})^a (L_{ij}(\frac{b}{n}\eta)) \\ &= (1 \otimes S^{-k-1})^a (1 \otimes T^{-k'-1})^b (L_{i+b, j+k'b}(0)) \\ &= (1 \otimes S^{-k-1})^a (1 \otimes T^{-k'-1})^b (L_{i+b, i+b}(0)). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 5.1(2),  $L_{i+b, i+b}(0)$  is contained in the sum of the  $L_{\alpha\beta}(0)$ 's for which  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Thus  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  is contained in

$$\sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} (1 \otimes S^{-k-1})^a (1 \otimes T^{-k'-1})^b (L_{\alpha\beta}(0)) = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} L_{\alpha-b, \beta-k'b}(\tau).$$

Set  $i' := \alpha - b$  and  $j' := \beta - k'b$ . Then  $\alpha \neq \beta$  implies  $j' - i' + (k' - 1)b \neq 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.16.** *When  $k = 1$ , the space  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  defined in Definition 3.11 is equal to  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  defined in (3-18).*

*Proof.* In this proof,  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  denotes the space defined in (3-18). We will show that  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) = \text{rel}'_{n,1}(E, \tau)$ . Recall that  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is the subspace of  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)^{\otimes 2}$  spanned by  $h_{ij}$ 's defined in (3-17) via the identification  $x_i \leftrightarrow \theta_i$ . Hence

$$h_{ij} = \frac{1}{n}\theta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \cdots \theta\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\theta_1(0) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(0)g(\tau)R_\tau(\tau)(x_i \otimes x_j)$$

where

$$g(\tau) := \frac{\theta(-n\tau)}{\theta_0(-\tau) \cdots \theta_{n-1}(-\tau)}.$$

Since both the numerator and denominator of  $g(\tau)$  have zeros exactly at  $\frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  with multiplicity one,  $g$  is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Thus the linear span of  $h_{ij}$  is equal to that of  $R_{ij}(x_i \otimes x_j)$  for all  $\tau$ .  $\square$

**3.3.3. The third method.** We write  $\text{Grass}(d, W)$  for the Grassmannian of  $d$ -dimensional subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space  $W$ .

In [CKS20], we will show that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  has the same Hilbert series as the polynomial ring on  $n$  variables when  $\tau$  is not a torsion point of  $E$ . The first step towards this is to determine the dimension of  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . (The results in this paper do not give any information about this, except in some special cases.) In [CKS20], we will show that  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$  when  $\tau \notin E[2n]$ .<sup>13</sup>

Once we know that  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$  outside a finite set  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq E$ , the map  $\tau \mapsto \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  becomes a morphism  $E - \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \text{Grass}\left(\binom{n}{2}, V^{\otimes 2}\right)$ ; that morphism extends in a unique way to a morphism  $f : E \rightarrow \text{Grass}\left(\binom{n}{2}, V^{\otimes 2}\right)$  so we could use  $f(\tau)$  in place of  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . In this subsection we fill in the details of this argument and check that  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is contained in  $f(\tau)$  (with equality whenever  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$ ).

Although the next two results are “standard” we include proofs for the convenience of the reader. In them we work over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{k}$ .

**Proposition 3.17.** [Sal99, Prop. 13.4] *Let  $W$  and  $W'$  be finite dimensional  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector spaces. Let  $d := \dim W$ . Let  $X$  be a variety over  $\mathbb{k}$  and  $g : X \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(W, W')$  a morphism of varieties. If  $r := \text{rank } g(x)$  is the same for all  $x \in X$ , then the maps*

- (1)  $X \rightarrow \text{Grass}(r, W')$ ,  $x \mapsto \text{im } g(x)$ , and
- (2)  $X \rightarrow \text{Grass}(d - r, W)$ ,  $x \mapsto \ker g(x)$ ,

are morphisms.

*Proof.* (1) Fix a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_d\}$  for  $W$ . For each  $r$ -element subset  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$ , let

$$U_I := \{x \in X \mid \{g(x)(e_i) \mid i \in I\} \text{ is linearly independent}\}.$$

The  $U_I$ 's provide an open cover of  $X$ .

Let  $p : \text{Grass}(r, W') \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^r W')$  be the Plücker embedding,  $p(\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}) := v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_r$ .

The composition  $U_I \rightarrow \text{Grass}(r, W') \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{P}(\bigwedge^r W')$ ,

$$x \mapsto \text{span}\{g(x)(e_i) \mid i \in I\} = \text{im } g(x) \mapsto \bigwedge_{i \in I} g(x)(e_i),$$

is a morphism; the morphisms  $U_I \rightarrow \text{Grass}(r, W')$  agree on their intersections so glue to give a morphism  $X \rightarrow \text{Grass}(r, W')$ .

(2) The linear map  $\text{Hom}(W, W') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W'^*, W^*)$ ,  $T \mapsto T^*$ , is a morphism so its composition with  $g$ ; i.e., the map  $g^* : X \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W'^*, W^*)$ ,  $g^*(x) := g(x)^*$ , is a morphism. Since  $\ker g(x) = (\text{im } g^*(x))^\perp$ , the map  $x \mapsto \ker g(x)$  is the composition

$$(3-26) \quad x \mapsto g^*(x) \mapsto \text{im } g^*(x) \mapsto (\text{im } g^*(x))^\perp.$$

<sup>13</sup>Corollary 5.2 below shows that  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$  for all  $\tau \in E[n]$ .

The right-most map in (3-26) is given by the map  $\text{Grass}(r, W') \rightarrow \text{Grass}(d-r, W'^*)$ ,  $W_0 \mapsto W_0^\perp$ ; this map is an isomorphism of algebraic varieties (see [Has07, (11.8)], for example) so the map in (3-26) is a morphism, as claimed.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.18.** *Let  $X$  be a variety over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{k}$ . Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector space with basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Fix an integer  $m \geq 0$  and let  $\lambda_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , be regular functions on  $X$ . For each closed point  $x \in X$ , define*

$$r_i(x) := \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{ij}(x)v_j$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $R(x) := \text{span}\{r_i(x) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ , and  $d := \max\{\dim R(x) \mid x \in X\}$ .

- (1)  $U := \{x \in X \mid \dim R(x) = d\}$  is a non-empty Zariski-open subset of  $X$ .
- (2) The map  $f : U \rightarrow \text{Grass}(d, V)$ ,  $x \mapsto R(x)$ , is a morphism of algebraic varieties.
- (3) If  $X$  is a non-empty Zariski-open subset of a non-singular curve  $\overline{X}$ , then  $f$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $\overline{X} \rightarrow \text{Grass}(d, V)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{k})$  denote the space of all  $m \times n$  matrices, and let  $M(x) := (\lambda_{ij}(x)) \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{k})$ . Since  $R(x)$  is essentially the image of the map “left-multiplication by  $M(x)$ ”, the dimension of  $R(x)$  is the rank of  $M(x)$ . Since the rank of a matrix is  $< s$  if and only if all its  $s \times s$  minors vanish, the set of matrices having rank  $< s$  is a Zariski-closed subset of  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{k})$ . Since the map  $X \rightarrow M_{m,n}(\mathbb{k})$  given by  $x \mapsto M(x)$  is a morphism of algebraic varieties, the sets

$$\begin{aligned} Z_s &:= \{x \in X \mid \text{rank } M(x) < s\} \\ &= \{x \in X \mid \dim R(x) < s\} \end{aligned}$$

are Zariski-closed subsets of  $X$ . The sets  $U_s := \{x \in X \mid \dim R(x) \geq s\}$  are therefore open subsets of  $X$ . Since  $\dim_{\mathbb{k}}(V) < \infty$ ,  $\max\{\dim R(x) \mid x \in X\}$  exists and  $U = U_d$  is a non-empty open subset of  $X$ .

(2) The map  $x \mapsto M(x)$  is a morphism  $U \rightarrow M_{m,n}(\mathbb{k})$ . Since  $R(x)$  “is” the image of the map “multiplication by  $M(x)$ ”, the result follows from Proposition 3.17(1).

(3) See [Har77, Prop. I.6.8].  $\square$

**Proposition 3.19.** *Let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq E$  be a finite subset, let  $d := \max\{\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) \mid \tau \in E - \mathcal{S}\}$ , and let  $U = \{\tau \in E - \mathcal{S} \mid \dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = d\}$ .*

- (1) The function  $U \rightarrow \text{Grass}(d, V^{\otimes 2})$ ,  $\tau \mapsto \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ , extends in a unique way to a morphism  $f : E \rightarrow \text{Grass}(d, V^{\otimes 2})$ .
- (2) For all  $\tau \in E$ ,  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) \subseteq f(\tau)$ .
- (3) The set  $U$  is a non-empty Zariski-open subset of  $E$ .

*Proof.* (1) The existence and uniqueness of  $f$  follows from Lemma 3.18 applied to  $X = E - \mathcal{S} \subseteq E = \overline{X}$ , the function  $\tau \mapsto \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) \subseteq V^{\otimes 2}$ , and the integer  $d$ . That lemma also tells us that  $U$  is a non-empty Zariski-open subset of  $E - \mathcal{S}$  and hence of  $E$ , thus proving (3).

(2) It suffices to prove that  $L_{ij}(\tau) \subseteq f(\tau)$  for all  $\tau \in E$  and  $(i, j)$  such that  $r_{ij}$  is not identically zero.

Write  $W := V^{\otimes 2}$ . Let  $Y$  be the zero locus in  $\mathbb{P}((\bigwedge^d W) \otimes W)$  of the linear map

$$\left(\bigwedge^d W\right) \otimes W \rightarrow \bigwedge^{d+1} W, \quad \omega \otimes v \mapsto \omega \wedge v.$$

The set  $Z := \{\tau \in E \mid L_{ij}(\tau) \subseteq f(\tau)\}$  is the inverse image of  $Y$  with respect to the composition

$$E \xrightarrow{(f, L_{ij})} \text{Grass}(d, W) \times \mathbb{P}(W) \xrightarrow{p \times \text{id}} \mathbb{P}\left(\bigwedge^d W\right) \times \mathbb{P}(W) \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbb{P}\left(\left(\bigwedge^d W\right) \otimes W\right)$$

where  $p$  and  $\iota$  are the Plücker and Segre embeddings, respectively. Thus  $Z$  is a Zariski-closed subset of  $E$ . If  $\tau \in U \cap (E - \mathcal{S})$ , then

$$L_{ij}(\tau) \subseteq \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = f(\tau)$$

so  $Z \supseteq U \cap (E - \mathcal{S})$ . Since  $U \cap (E - \mathcal{S})$  is a Zariski-dense subset of  $E - \mathcal{S}$ ,  $Z = E$ .  $\square$

The extension  $f$  does not depend on the choice of  $\mathcal{S}$ : if  $\mathcal{S}'$  were another finite subset and  $f'$  the associated extension, then  $f$  would equal  $f'$  because  $f$  and  $f'$  agree on the dense open subset  $E - (\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{S}')$ .

**Corollary 3.20.** *If  $\dim \operatorname{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$  for all  $\tau \in E$ , then the morphism  $f$  in Proposition 3.19 is  $\tau \mapsto \operatorname{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.19 with  $\mathcal{S} = \emptyset$  and  $d = \binom{n}{2}$  since the inclusion  $\operatorname{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) \subseteq f(\tau)$  in Proposition 3.19(2) must be an equality.  $\square$

**3.4. Isomorphisms and anti-isomorphisms.** The next result is stated in [OF89, §1, Rmk. 3]. Polishchuk sketches a proof of it at [Pol98, p. 696]; he views the isomorphism in it as a ‘‘quantization’’ of an isomorphism between certain moduli spaces of vector bundles on  $E$ .

The next two proofs use special cases of the equality

$$(3-27) \quad \frac{\theta_{\alpha+\beta}(z_1 + z_2)}{\theta_{\alpha}(z_1)\theta_{\beta}(z_2)} = -\frac{\theta_{-\alpha-\beta}(-z_1 - z_2)}{\theta_{-\alpha}(-z_1)\theta_{-\beta}(-z_2)}$$

(which follows from the fact that  $\theta_{\alpha}(-z) = -e(-nz + \frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ ).

Recall that  $k'$  is the unique integer such that  $n > k' \geq 1$  and  $kk' = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proposition 3.21.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , there is an isomorphism  $\Phi : Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k'}(E, \tau)$  given by  $\Phi(x_i) = x_{ki}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi$  be the automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  defined by  $\Phi(x_i) = x_{k'i}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . We will show that  $\Phi$  sends the relations for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  bijectively to the relations for  $Q_{n,k'}(E, \tau)$ .

Assume  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . For all  $i, j, r \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , let

$$c_{ijk}(\tau) = \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} \quad \text{and} \quad r_{ijk}(\tau) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} c_{ijk}(\tau)x_{j-r}x_{i+r}.$$

Let  $i' = kj$ ,  $j' = ki$ , and  $r' = -k(j - i - r)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_{ijk}(\tau) &= \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} \\ &= -\frac{\theta_{-(j-i+(k-1)r)}(0)}{\theta_{-(j-i-r)}(\tau)\theta_{-kr}(-\tau)} \quad \text{by (3-27)} \\ &= -\frac{\theta_{j'-i'+(k'-1)r'}(0)}{\theta_{j'-i'-r'}(-\tau)\theta_{k'r'}(\tau)} \\ &= -c_{i'j'k'}(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r_{ijk}(\tau)) &= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} c_{ijk}(\tau)x_{k(j-r)}x_{k(i+r)} \\ &= -\sum_{r' \in \mathbb{Z}_n} c_{i'j'k'}(\tau)x_{j'-r'}x_{i'+r'} \\ &= -r_{i'j'k'}(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $L_{ijk}$  the morphism  $L_{ij} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . Thus  $L_{ijk}$  is the unique morphism such that

$$L_{ijk}(\text{the image of } \tau \text{ in } E) = \mathbb{C}.r_{ijk}(\tau)$$

when  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . The above computation shows that  $L_{ijk}(\tau) = L_{i'j'k'}(\tau)$  when  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  whence  $L_{ijk} = L_{i'j'k'}$  as morphisms from  $E$ . Therefore  $\Phi$  descends to an isomorphism  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k'}(E, \tau)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.22.** *Let  $N \in \mathrm{GL}(V)$  be the map  $N(x_\alpha) = x_{-\alpha}$ . For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $N$  extends to algebra isomorphisms  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau)$  and  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\mathrm{op}}$ . In particular,*

$$Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \cong Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\mathrm{op}} = Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau).$$

*Proof.* Assume  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . By definition,  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\mathrm{op}}$  is  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  modulo the relations

$$r_{ij}^{\mathrm{op}}(\tau) := \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{i+r}x_{j-r}, \quad (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} r_{ij}(-\tau) &= \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)s}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-s}(\tau)\theta_{ks}(-\tau)} x_{j-s}x_{i+s} \\ &= - \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{-j+i-(k-1)s}(0)}{\theta_{-j+i+s}(-\tau)\theta_{-ks}(\tau)} x_{j-s}x_{i+s} \quad \text{by (3-27)} \\ &= - \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{i-j+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{i-j-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j+r}x_{i-r} \quad \text{by } r := -s \\ &= -r_{ji}^{\mathrm{op}}(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\mathrm{op}}$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ .

To show that the map  $N : V \rightarrow V$ ,  $N(x_\alpha) = x_{-\alpha}$ , extends to an isomorphism  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau)$  we must show that  $\mathrm{rel}_{n,k}(E, -\tau) = \mathrm{span}\{N(r_{ij}(\tau))\}$ . This is true because

$$\begin{aligned} N(r_{ij}(\tau)) &= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} N(x_{j-r})N(x_{i+r}) \\ &= - \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{-j+i-(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-j+i+r}(\tau)\theta_{-kr}(-\tau)} x_{-j+r}x_{-i-r} \quad \text{by (3-27)} \\ &= - \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{-j+i+(k-1)s}(0)}{\theta_{-j+i-s}(\tau)\theta_{ks}(-\tau)} x_{-j-s}x_{-i+s} \quad \text{by } s := -r \\ &= -r_{-i,-j}(-\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $N$  extends to an isomorphism  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be the automorphism of  $\mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  that sends  $\mathbb{C}.x_\alpha \otimes x_\beta$  to  $\mathbb{C}.x_\beta \otimes x_\alpha$ . The equality  $r_{ij}(-\tau) = r_{ji}^{\mathrm{op}}(\tau)$  implies that the morphisms  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  given by  $\tau \mapsto L_{ij}(-\tau)$  and  $\tau \mapsto \sigma(L_{ji}(\tau))$  agree on  $E - E[n]$ . Since the locus where two morphisms agree is closed,  $L_{ij}(-\tau) = \sigma(L_{ji}(\tau))$  for all  $\tau \in E$ . Hence  $Q_{n,k}(E, -\tau) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\mathrm{op}}$  for all  $\tau \in E$ .

The isomorphism  $N$  induces an automorphism  $N^{\otimes 2}$  of  $\mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  that sends  $\mathbb{C}.x_\alpha \otimes x_\beta$  to  $\mathbb{C}.x_{-\alpha} \otimes x_{-\beta}$ . The equality  $N^{\otimes 2}(r_{ij}(\tau)) = -r_{-i,-j}(-\tau)$  can be interpreted as saying that  $N^{\otimes 2}(L_{ij}(\tau)) = L_{-i,-j}(-\tau)$  on  $E - E[n]$  so, by the same reasoning as before, this equality holds for all  $\tau \in E$ . Hence  $N^{\otimes 2}(\mathrm{rel}_{n,k}(\tau)) = \mathrm{rel}_{n,k}(-\tau)$ .  $\square$

3.4.1. The previous result was proved by Tate and Van den Bergh [TVdB96, Prop. 4.1.1, Rmk. 4.1.2] when  $k = 1$ . They also observe in their Proposition 4.1.1 that  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau) \cong Q_{n,1}(E, \mu(\tau))$  when  $\mu : E \rightarrow E$  is an automorphism given by complex multiplication.

3.5. **The Heisenberg group acts as automorphisms of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .** As observed in Lemma 2.8, the Heisenberg group generators act on the basis for  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  as  $S \cdot \theta_\alpha = e(\frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_\alpha$ , and  $T \cdot \theta_\alpha = \theta_{\alpha+1}$ , and the commutator  $\epsilon = [S, T]$  acts as multiplication by

$$\omega := e\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$



We now identify the vector space  $V = \text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$  generating  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  with  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$  by identifying  $x_\alpha$  with  $\theta_\alpha$ . Thus,  $V$  also becomes a representation of  $H_n$  with the action given by (3-28) below. We extend the action of  $H_n$  on  $V$  to  $TV$  in the natural way.

**Proposition 3.23.** *The Heisenberg group  $H_n$  acts as degree-preserving  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphisms of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  by*

$$(3-28) \quad S \cdot x_i = \omega^i x_i, \quad T \cdot x_i = x_{i+1}, \quad \epsilon \cdot x_i = \omega x_i.$$

*Proof.* It is easy to show that  $S \cdot r_{ij} = \omega^{i+j} r_{ij}$  and  $T \cdot r_{ij} = r_{i+1, j+1}$ . Hence  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is an  $H_n$ -subrepresentation of  $V \otimes V$  for all  $\tau \in E$  and therefore  $H_n$  acts as degree-preserving  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphisms of  $TV/(\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau))$ .  $\square$

**3.6. Another set of relations for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ .** One drawback to the presentation of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  via the relations in (3-1) is that both  $i$  and  $j$  appear in the indices of the monomials  $x_{j-r}x_{i-r}$  and in the indices of the structure constants that are the coefficients of those monomials. In particular, if  $j - i = j' - i'$ , then  $r_{ij}$  and  $r_{i'j'}$  involve the same monomials but it is not immediately clear which coefficients occur before the same monomial; for example, if  $j - i = j' - i' = 0$  some calculation is required to compare the coefficients of  $x_0^2$  in each relation. There is, however, a different set of relations for  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  with the property that the new relation indexed by  $(i, j)$  has the following property: only  $i$  is involved in indices of the structure constants and only  $j$  is involved in the indices of the quadratic monomials  $x_\alpha x_\beta$ . Ultimately, one sees there are row vectors  $A_0, \dots, A_{n-1}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and column vectors  $B_0, \dots, B_{n-1}$  of quadratic monomials such that the new relation indexed by  $(i, j)$  is the product  $A_i B_j$ .

We are grateful to Kevin De Laet for allowing us to include the next result.

**Proposition 3.24** (De Laet). *Assume  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . For each  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_n^2$ , let*

$$(3-29) \quad R_{ij} := \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-(k+1)i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{r+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r-i)}(\tau)} x_{j-r}x_{j+r}$$

and

$$(3-30) \quad R'_{ij} := \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{k-(k+1)i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{r+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r-i+1)}(\tau)} x_{j-r}x_{j+r+1}.$$

- (1)  $(S \otimes S)(R_{ij}) = e(\frac{2j}{n})R_{ij}$  and  $(S \otimes S)(R'_{ij}) = e(\frac{2j+1}{n})R'_{ij}$ .
- (2)  $(T \otimes T)(R_{ij}) = R_{i, j+1}$  and  $(T \otimes T)(R'_{ij}) = R'_{i, j+1}$ .
- (3) If  $n$  is odd, then  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \text{span}\{R_{ij} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} = \text{span}\{R'_{ij} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ .
- (4) If  $n$  is even, then  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \text{span}\{R_{ij}, R'_{ij} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ .
- (5) If  $n$  is even, then  $R_{i+\frac{n}{2}, j+\frac{n}{2}} = -R_{ij}$  and  $R'_{i+\frac{n}{2}, j+\frac{n}{2}} = -R'_{ij}$ .

*Proof.* If  $v$  and  $w$  are non-zero scalar multiples of each other we write  $v \equiv w$ .

Statements (1) and (2) are immediate.

Since  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e\left(-nz + \frac{\alpha}{n}\right)\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{i,-i} &= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{-2i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-2i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{-i-r}x_{i+r} \\
&= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{-2i+(k-1)r}(0)}{-e(-n\tau - \frac{2i+r}{n})\theta_{2i+r}(\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{-i-r}x_{i+r} \\
&\equiv \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-2i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{2i+r}(\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{-i-r}x_{i+r} \\
&= \sum_{r' \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r'-i}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-(k+1)i+(k-1)r'}(0)}{\theta_{r'+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r'-i)}(\tau)} x_{-r'}x_{r'} \quad (\text{after setting } r' = i+r) \\
&\equiv R_{i0}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (2) and  $T \cdot r_{ij} = r_{i+1,j+1}$ , we obtain  $R_{ij} = T^j \cdot R_{i0} \equiv T^j \cdot r_{i,-i} = r_{j+i,j-i}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{span}\{R_{ij} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} &= \text{span}\{r_{j+i,j-i} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} \\
&= \text{span}\{r_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n, \alpha + \beta \in 2\mathbb{Z}_n\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{i,1-i} &= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{1-2i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{1-2i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{1-i-r}x_{i+r} \\
&= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{1-2i+(k-1)r}(0)}{-e(-n\tau - \frac{-1+2i+r}{n})\theta_{-1+2i+r}(\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{1-i-r}x_{i+r} \\
&\equiv \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{1-2i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-1+2i+r}(\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{1-i-r}x_{i+r} \\
&= \sum_{r' \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r'-i+1}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{k-(k+1)i+(k-1)r'}(0)}{\theta_{r'+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r'-i+1)}(\tau)} x_{-r'}x_{r'+1} \quad (\text{after setting } r' = i+r-1) \\
&\equiv R'_{i0}
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $R'_{ij} = T^j \cdot R'_{i0} \equiv T^j \cdot r_{i,1-i} = r_{j+i,j-i+1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{span}\{R'_{ij} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} &= \text{span}\{r_{j+i,j-i+1} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} \\
&= \text{span}\{r_{\alpha,\beta} \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n, \alpha + \beta + 1 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_n\}.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $n$  is odd, then  $2\mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z}_n$  so  $\text{span}\{R_{ij}\} = \text{span}\{R'_{ij}\} = \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . If  $n$  is even, then  $\text{span}\{R_{ij}, R'_{ij}\} = \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ . Hence (3) and (4) hold.

(5) Assume  $n$  is even. The relation  $R_{ij}$  is a linear combination of terms of the form  $x_{j-r}x_{j+r}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , and  $R_{i+\frac{n}{2},j+\frac{n}{2}}$  is a linear combination of terms of the form  $x_{j+\frac{n}{2}-r'}x_{j+\frac{n}{2}+r'}$ ,  $r' \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Now  $x_{j-r}x_{j+r} = x_{j+\frac{n}{2}-r'}x_{j+\frac{n}{2}+r'}$  if and only if  $r' = r + \frac{n}{2}$ . Let  $r' = r + \frac{n}{2}$ . The coefficient of  $x_{j-r}x_{j+r}$  in  $R_{i+\frac{n}{2},j+\frac{n}{2}}$  is

$$e\left(\frac{r'}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-(k+1)(i+\frac{n}{2})+(k-1)r'}(0)}{\theta_{r'+i+\frac{n}{2}}(\tau)\theta_{k(r'-i-\frac{n}{2})}(\tau)} = -e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-(k+1)i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{r+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r-i)}(\tau)}$$

which is equal to the coefficient of  $x_{j-r}x_{j+r}$  in  $-R_{ij}$ . Thus  $R_{i+\frac{n}{2},j+\frac{n}{2}} = -R_{ij}$  as claimed. A similar argument shows that  $R'_{i+\frac{n}{2},j+\frac{n}{2}} = -R'_{ij}$ .  $\square$

4. TWISTING  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ 

4.1. **Twists.** Given a degree-preserving automorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow A$  of a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebra over a field  $\mathbb{k}$ , the the **twist**,  $A^\phi$ , is the graded vector space  $A$  endowed with the associative multiplication

$$a * b = \phi^m(a)b$$

when  $b \in A_m$ . There is an equivalence  $\text{Gr}(A) \equiv \text{Gr}(A^\phi)$  between their categories of graded left modules [ATVdB91, Cor. 8.5].

Suppose  $A = TV/\mathfrak{a}$  is the tensor algebra of a vector space  $V$  modulo a graded ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $TV$ . The restriction of  $\phi$  to  $V$  extends to a degree-preserving automorphism of  $TV$  that we also denote by  $\phi$ . Since  $\phi$  descends to  $A$ ,  $\phi(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a}$ .

The next result gives a presentation of  $A^\phi$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\phi' : TV \rightarrow TV$  be the linear map  $\text{id}_V \otimes \phi \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi^{m-1}$  on each  $V^{\otimes m}$ . The identity map  $I : V \rightarrow V$  extends to a graded algebra isomorphism*

$$\frac{TV}{\phi'(\mathfrak{a})} \longrightarrow \left( \frac{TV}{\mathfrak{a}} \right)^\phi.$$

*Proof.* Since  $(TV/\mathfrak{a})^\phi$  is generated by  $V$  as a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra, the identity  $V \rightarrow V$  extends to a graded algebra homomorphism  $\rho : TV \rightarrow (TV/\mathfrak{a})^\phi$ . We show that  $\ker(\rho) = \phi'(\mathfrak{a})$ .

Let  $f \in V^{\otimes m}$  and write  $f = \sum_i c_i x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_m}$  where  $c_i \in \mathbb{k}$  for each  $i = (i_1, \dots, i_m)$ . The image of  $f$  by  $\rho$  is

$$g := \sum_i c_i \cdot x_{i_1} * \cdots * x_{i_m} \in (TV/\mathfrak{a})^\phi.$$

Thus  $\rho(f) = 0$  if and only if  $g \in \mathfrak{a}$ , that is, if and only if

$$\sum_i c_i \phi^{m-1}(x_{i_1}) \phi^{m-2}(x_{i_2}) \cdots \phi(x_{i_{m-1}}) x_{i_m} \in \mathfrak{a}.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{a}$  is stable under  $\phi$ , this is equivalent to the statement that  $\mathfrak{a}$  contains

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{-(m-1)} \left( \sum_i c_i \phi^{m-1}(x_{i_1}) \phi^{m-2}(x_{i_2}) \cdots \phi(x_{i_{m-1}}) x_{i_m} \right) &= \sum_i c_i x_{i_1} \phi(x_{i_2}) \cdots \phi^{m-2}(x_{i_{m-1}}) \phi^{m-1}(x_{i_m}) \\ &= (I \otimes \phi \otimes \cdots \otimes \phi^{m-1})^{-1}(f). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\ker(\rho) = \phi'(\mathfrak{a})$ . □

Consider, for example, a degree-preserving automorphism,  $\phi$ , of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  with its standard grading. If  $a$  and  $b$  are homogeneous elements of degree 1, then

$$a * \phi(b) = \phi(a)\phi(b) = \phi(b)\phi(a) = b * \phi(a)$$

so  $\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]^\phi$  is the free algebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  modulo the ideal generated by the elements  $x_i \otimes \phi(x_j) - x_j \otimes \phi(x_i)$  for  $0 \leq i < j \leq n-1$ .

4.2. **The twists of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  induced from translations by  $n$ -torsion points.** In this subsection, we prove that for each  $\zeta \in E[n]$ ,  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \zeta)$  is a twist of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  with respect to an automorphism that is in the image of the map  $H_n \rightarrow \text{Aut}(Q_{n,k}(E, \tau))$  (see [Proposition 3.23](#)).

For a degree-preserving automorphism  $\phi : Q_{n,k}(E, \tau) \rightarrow Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ , the automorphism  $1 \otimes \phi : V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V$  descends to an automorphism  $1 \otimes \phi : \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ , define  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  and  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  as in [Definition 3.11](#).*

- (1)  $L_{ij}(\tau + \frac{1}{n}) = (1 \otimes S^{-k-1})(L_{ij}(\tau))$  and  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \frac{1}{n}) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{S^{-k-1}}$ .
- (2)  $L_{ij}(\tau + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = (1 \otimes T^{-k'-1})(L_{i+1, j+k'}(\tau))$  and  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{T^{-k'-1}}$ .

*Proof.* First we assume  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . In this case,  $L_{ij}(\tau)$  is spanned by  $r_{ij}(\tau)$  unless  $r_{ij}$  is identically zero.

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{ij}(\tau + \frac{1}{n}) &= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{e(-\frac{j-i-r}{n})\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)e(\frac{kr}{n})\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r} \\
&= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{j-i-(k+1)r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r} \\
&= e\left(\frac{ki+j}{n}\right) \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(-\frac{(k+1)(i+r)}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r} \\
&= e\left(\frac{ki+j}{n}\right) (1 \otimes S^{-k-1}) \left( \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r} \right) \\
&= e\left(\frac{ki+j}{n}\right) (1 \otimes S^{-k-1}) (r_{ij}(\tau)),
\end{aligned}$$

statement (1) holds for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . The first step towards proving (2) is the calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{ij}(\tau + \frac{1}{n}\eta) &= \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{e(-\tau - \frac{1}{n}\eta + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{j-i-r-1}(-\tau)e(-\tau - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{n-1}{2n}\eta)\theta_{kr+1}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r} \\
&= e(2\tau + \frac{1}{n}\eta) \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r-1}(-\tau)\theta_{kr+1}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r}.
\end{aligned}$$

Given  $(i, j, r)$ , there is a unique solution  $(i', j', r')$  to the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} j - i - r - 1 = j' - i' - r', \\ kr + 1 = kr', \\ j - r = j' - r', \end{cases}$$

namely  $(i', j', r') = (i + 1, j + k', r + k')$ . Hence

$$\frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r-1}(-\tau)\theta_{kr+1}(\tau)} x_{j-r} \otimes x_{i+r} = \frac{\theta_{j'-i'+(k-1)r'}(0)}{\theta_{j'-i'-r'}(-\tau)\theta_{kr'}(\tau)} x_{j'-r'} \otimes x_{i'+r'-k'-1}.$$

Therefore

$$r_{ij}(\tau + \frac{1}{n}\eta) = e(2\tau + \frac{1}{n}\eta) (1 \otimes T^{-k'-1}) r_{i+1, j+k'}(\tau).$$

Hence (2) holds for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ .

The argument in the proof of [Proposition 3.22](#) then shows that (1) and (2) hold for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $\square$

Let  $\psi : H_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  be the group homomorphism defined by

$$(4-1) \quad \psi(S) := -\frac{1}{n}, \quad \psi(T) := -\frac{k}{n}\eta, \quad \psi(\epsilon) := 0.$$

It induces an isomorphism  $H_n/\epsilon H_n \rightarrow E[n] = \frac{1}{n}\Lambda/\Lambda$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Assume  $\tau \in E$ . For all  $\sigma \in H_n$ ,*

$$Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \psi(\sigma)) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\sigma^{k+1}}.$$

If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta)$  is the twist of  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  by the automorphism

$$T^{-(k'+1)b} S^{-(k+1)a} : x_i \mapsto e(-\frac{(k+1)ai}{n}) x_{i-(k'+1)b}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma = T^b S^a$  in  $H_n/\epsilon H_n$ . By [Lemma 4.2](#),

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \psi(\sigma)) &= Q_{n,k}(E, \tau - \frac{a}{n} - \frac{bk}{n}\eta) \\ &= Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{T^{-bk(-k'-1)}S^{-a(-k-1)}} \\ &= Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{(T^b S^a)^{k+1}} \\ &= Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)^{\sigma^{k+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

(Here we can use either  $T^b S^a$  or  $S^a T^b$  because the twist by  $\epsilon$  does not change the algebra.) The second statement in the proposition is obtained from the first with  $\sigma = T^{-bk'} S^{-a}$ .  $\square$

4.2.1. *More isomorphisms.* Note that  $k+1$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  if and only if  $k'+1$  is since  $k'+1 = k'(k+1)$ .

Assume  $k+1$  is not a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . It follows from the second sentence in [Theorem 4.3](#) that if  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are such that  $(k+1)a = (k'+1)b = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , then

$$Q_{n,k}(E, \tau + \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta) = Q_{n,k}(E, \tau).$$

In [Proposition 5.1](#) we will show that  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$  is a polynomial ring on  $n$  variables for all  $(n, k)$ . Thus, if  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are such that  $(k+1)a = (k'+1)b = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , then  $Q_{n,k}(E, \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta)$  is a polynomial ring on  $n$  variables. For example,  $Q_{35,4}(E, \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}\eta)$  and  $Q_{35,6}(E, \frac{3}{7} + \frac{1}{7}\eta)$  are polynomial rings on 35 variables.

We will see in [Proposition 5.5](#) that  $Q_{n,n-1}(E, \tau) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  for all  $\tau$ . In that case  $k+1 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  so adding an  $n$ -torsion point to  $\tau$  does not change the relations. However, twisting  $\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  by  $S$  (or  $T$ ) *does* change the relations.

## 5. $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ FOR SOME SPECIAL $k$ 'S AND $\tau$ 'S

In this section, we use the definition of  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  as the linear span of the lines  $L_{ij}(\tau) \subseteq V^{\otimes 2}$ .

In [Proposition 5.1](#) we prove the assertion in [[OF89](#), §1.2, Rmk. 1] and [[Ode02](#), §3] that  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$  is a polynomial ring on  $n$  variables. It follows from this and [Theorem 4.3](#) that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is a twist of that polynomial ring when  $\tau \in E[n]$ . In particular,  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$  when  $\tau \in E[n]$ .

### 5.1. $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$ is a polynomial ring.

#### Proposition 5.1.

- (1) If  $i \neq j$ , then  $L_{ij}(0) = \mathbb{C} \cdot [x_i, x_j]$ .
- (2) If  $r_{ii}(\tau)$  is not identically zero on  $E - E[n]$ , then

$$L_{ii}(0) = \mathbb{C} \cdot \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \frac{\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-r}(0)\theta_{kr}(0)} [x_{i-r}, x_{i+r}].$$

- (3)  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$ .

Note that

$$\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1 = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{n}{2} - 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* When taking limits in this proof, we give  $E$ ,  $V \otimes V$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  the analytic topologies.

(1) Assume  $i \neq j$ . We first show that

$$(5-1) \quad \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \theta_0(\tau) r_{ij}(\tau) = -[x_i, x_j]$$

in  $V \otimes V$ .

Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , then  $\theta_\alpha(0) = 0$  if and only if  $\alpha = 0$ . Among the terms

$$\theta_0(\tau) \frac{\theta_{j-i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{j-r} x_{i+r}$$

appearing in  $\theta_0(\tau)r_{ij}(\tau)$ , we only have to look at those with  $r$  satisfying  $\theta_{j-i-r}(0) = 0$  or  $\theta_{kr}(0) = 0$ , or equivalently, with  $r = 0$  or  $r = j - i$ , since all other terms approach zero as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore the left-hand side of (5-1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \theta_0(\tau) \left( \frac{\theta_{j-i}(0)}{\theta_{j-i}(-\tau)\theta_0(\tau)} x_j x_i + \frac{\theta_{k(j-i)}(0)}{\theta_0(-\tau)\theta_{k(j-i)}(\tau)} x_i x_j \right) \\ &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\theta_{j-i}(0)}{\theta_{j-i}(-\tau)} x_j x_i + \frac{\theta_0(\tau)}{-e(-n\tau)\theta_0(\tau)} \cdot \frac{\theta_{k(j-i)}(0)}{\theta_{k(j-i)}(\tau)} x_i x_j \right) \\ &= -[x_i, x_j]. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used  $\theta_\alpha(-z) = -e(-nz + \frac{\alpha}{n})\theta_{-\alpha}(z)$ .

Since  $[x_i, x_j] \neq 0$  in  $V \otimes V$  and  $\theta_0(\tau) \neq 0$  on a punctured open neighborhood of 0, we can rephrase (5-1) as  $L_{ij}(\tau) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cdot [x_i, x_j]$  in  $\mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  in  $E$ . On the other hand, the morphism  $L_{ij} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V \otimes V)$  in Proposition 3.10 is continuous with respect to the analytic topologies so  $L_{ij}(\tau) \rightarrow L_{ij}(0)$  as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ . The uniqueness of the limit implies the desired conclusion.

(2) Assume  $r_{ii}(\tau)$  is not identically zero. In a similar way to (1), it suffices to prove

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} r_{ii}(\tau) = \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \frac{\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-r}(0)\theta_{kr}(0)} [x_{i-r}, x_{i+r}]$$

in  $V \otimes V$ . By definition,

$$r_{ii}(\tau) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-r}(-\tau)\theta_{kr}(\tau)} x_{i-r} x_{i+r}.$$

Since  $\theta_0(0) = 0$ , the  $r = 0$  summand in  $r_{ii}(\tau)$  is zero on a punctured open neighborhood of 0. When  $r \neq 0$ , the limit as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  of that summand is obtained by substituting  $\tau = 0$ .

Assume  $n$  is even. Since  $k$  is coprime to  $n$ ,  $k$  is odd and  $(k-1)\frac{n}{2} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ; the  $r = \frac{n}{2}$  summand is therefore zero.

Therefore, in general,  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} r_{ii}(\tau)$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \left( \frac{\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-r}(0)\theta_{kr}(0)} x_{i-r} x_{i+r} + \frac{\theta_{(k-1)(-r)}(0)}{\theta_{-(-r)}(0)\theta_{k(-r)}(0)} x_{i-(-r)} x_{i+(-r)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \left( \frac{\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-r}(0)\theta_{kr}(0)} x_{i-r} x_{i+r} + \frac{-e(-\frac{(k-1)r}{n})\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{(-e(\frac{r}{n}))\theta_{-r}(0)(-e(-\frac{kr}{n}))\theta_{kr}(0)} x_{i+r} x_{i-r} \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \frac{\theta_{(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{-r}(0)\theta_{kr}(0)} [x_{i-r}, x_{i+r}]. \end{aligned}$$

(3) This is immediate from (1) and (2). □

## 5.2. $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ and $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$ when $\tau \in E[n]$ .

**Corollary 5.2.** *If  $\zeta \in E[n]$ , then  $Q_{n,k}(E, \zeta)$  is the twist of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$  by the automorphism  $\sigma^{k+1}$  where  $\sigma$  is an arbitrary element of  $\psi^{-1}(\zeta) \subseteq H_n$  and  $\psi$  is the homomorphism, in (4-1).*

*Proof.* This is a consequence of Theorem 4.3 and Proposition 5.1. □

**Corollary 5.3.** *For all  $k$  and all  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ ,  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau) = \binom{n}{2}$ .*



5.3.  $Q_{n,n-1}(E, \tau)$  is a polynomial ring for all  $\tau$ . In [Proposition 5.5](#) we apply [Propositions 5.1](#) and [5.4](#) to prove the assertions in [[OF89](#), §1.2, Rmk. 1] and [[Ode02](#), §3] that  $Q_{n,n-1}(E, \tau)$  is a polynomial ring in  $n$  variables for all  $\tau$ .

**Proposition 5.4.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  and  $\text{rel}_{n,n-k}(E, \tau)$  have the same dimension.*

*Proof.* This is true when  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  ([Corollary 5.3](#)) so we assume that  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . Now [Proposition 3.24](#) applies: the relation spaces are the spans of the  $R_{ij}$  and  $R'_{ij}$  described in that result.

Assume  $n$  is odd. For a fixed  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , the coefficients in [\(3-29\)](#) are the matrix entries for the linear operator  $T_j$  on  $\text{span}\{x_a x_b \mid a + b = 2j \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} \subseteq V \otimes V$ , with respect to the basis  $\{x_{j-i} x_{j+i} \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ , given by the formula

$$T_j(x_{j-i} x_{j+i}) := \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-(k+1)i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{r+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r-i)}(\tau)} x_{j-r} x_{j+r}.$$

The dimension of  $\text{rel}_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \text{rank } T_j,$$

so we will be done once we show that switching between  $k$  and  $n - k$  does not alter the ranks of the operators  $T_j$ . To see this, observe that once the  $e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right)$  factors (which only scale the rows of the matrix) have been removed, the left-over matrix with respective  $(r, i)$ -entries

$$\frac{\theta_{-(k+1)i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{r+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r-i)}(\tau)}$$

is simply transposed by the passage from  $k$  to  $-k$ .

The argument is similar for even  $n$ , the only difference being that for the coefficients

$$C_{r,i} := \frac{\theta_{k-(k+1)i+(k-1)r}(0)}{\theta_{r+i}(\tau)\theta_{k(r-i+1)}(\tau)}$$

in [\(3-30\)](#) (again, after eliminating the exponential factors) the transformation  $k \leftrightarrow -k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  translates to  $C_{r,i} \leftrightarrow C_{i-1,r+1}$ . Once more, this does not affect the rank of the matrix with entries  $C_{r,i}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.5.** *For all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $Q_{n,n-1}(E, \tau) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]$ .*

*Proof.* By [Proposition 3.4](#) and [Corollary 5.2](#),  $\dim \text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) = \dim \text{Alt}^2 V$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ . By [Proposition 5.4](#), the same holds for  $\text{rel}_{n,n-1}(E, \tau)$ . Thus, to prove the proposition it suffices to show that

$$(5-2) \quad \text{rel}_{n,n-1}(E, \tau) \subseteq \text{Alt}^2 V.$$

We will now do this.

If  $\tau \in \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ , then [Corollary 5.2](#) implies that  $\text{rel}_{n,n-1}(E, \tau) = \text{Alt}^2 V$ , so we assume that  $\tau \in \mathbb{C} - \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$  for the rest of the proof.

Suppose  $n$  is odd. The relations  $R_{ij}$  in [Proposition 3.24](#) are

$$R_{ij} = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-2r}(0)}{\theta_{i+r}(\tau)\theta_{i-r}(\tau)} x_{j-r} x_{j+r}.$$

Since  $\theta_0(0) = 0$ , the coefficient of  $x_j^2$  in  $R_{ij}$  is equal to 0. The coefficient of  $x_{j+r} x_{j-r}$  is

$$e\left(-\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{2r}(0)}{\theta_{i-r}(\tau)\theta_{i+r}(\tau)} = -e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-2r}(0)}{\theta_{i+r}(\tau)\theta_{i-r}(\tau)}$$

which is the negative of the coefficient of  $x_{j-r} x_{j+r}$ . Hence  $R_{ij} \in \text{Alt}^2 V$ .

Suppose  $n$  is even. As in the odd case, the coefficient of  $x_j^2$  in  $R_{ij}$  is zero and so is the coefficient of  $x_{\frac{n}{2}+j}^2$ . The ‘‘same’’ computation shows that  $R_{ij} \in \text{Alt}^2 V$ . The coefficient of  $x_{j-r}x_{j+r+1}$  in  $R'_{ij}$  is

$$e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-2r-1}(0)}{\theta_{i+r}(\tau)\theta_{i-r-1}(\tau)}$$

and the coefficient of  $x_{j+r+1}x_{j-r} = x_{j-(-r-1)}x_{j+(-r-1)+1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} e\left(\frac{-r-1}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-2(-r-1)-1}(0)}{\theta_{i+(-r-1)}(\tau)\theta_{i-(-r-1)-1}(\tau)} &= e\left(\frac{-r-1}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{2r+1}(0)}{\theta_{i-r-1}(\tau)\theta_{i+r}(\tau)} \\ &= -e\left(\frac{-r-1}{n}\right) \frac{e\left(\frac{2r+1}{n}\right) \theta_{-2r-1}(0)}{\theta_{i-r-1}(\tau)\theta_{i+r}(\tau)} \\ &= -e\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\theta_{-2r-1}(0)}{\theta_{i-r-1}(\tau)\theta_{i+r}(\tau)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $R'_{ij} \in \text{Alt}^2 V$ . This concludes the proof of (5-2) and therefore that of the proposition.  $\square$

**5.4. The relations  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  and the structure of  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  when  $\tau \in E[2]$ .** Since  $Q_{n,k}(E, 0)$  is a polynomial ring for all  $(n, k, E)$  one might expect that  $Q_{n,k}(E, \tau)$  is only moderately non-commutative when  $\tau$  is a 2-torsion point on  $E$ . Kevin De Laet proved a decisive result in this direction when  $k = 1$ : if  $n$  is an odd prime and  $\tau \in \frac{1}{2}\Lambda$ , then  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is a Clifford algebra [De 14]. The first step towards that result is part (1) of the following observation.

**Proposition 5.6.**

- (1) If  $n$  is odd and  $\tau \in \frac{1}{2}\Lambda - \Lambda$ , then  $\text{rel}_{n,1}(E, \tau) \subseteq \text{span}\{x_\alpha x_\beta + x_\beta x_\alpha \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ .
- (2) If  $n$  is even and  $\tau \in \frac{1}{2}\Lambda$ , then  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is a polynomial ring.

*Proof.* (1) The hypothesis ensures that  $\tau \notin \frac{1}{n}\Lambda$ . Hence, by §3.1.3,  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is defined by the relations

$$(5-3) \quad \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{x_{j-r}x_{i+r}}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_r(\tau)} = 0, \quad i \neq j.$$

Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  be such that  $-\tau = \tau + \lambda$ .

Fix  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . The word  $x_\alpha x_\beta$  appears in the left-hand side of (5-3) if and only if there is an  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  such that  $j - r = \alpha$  and  $i + r = \beta$ , i.e., if and only if  $j - \alpha = \beta - i$ ; i.e., if and only if  $\alpha + \beta = i + j$ . Thus  $x_\alpha x_\beta$  appears in the left-hand side of (5-3) if and only if  $x_\beta x_\alpha$  does.

For the rest of the proof assume  $\alpha + \beta = i + j$ . Let  $r, r' \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  be such that  $x_\alpha x_\beta = x_{j-r}x_{i+r}$  and  $x_\beta x_\alpha = x_{j-r'}x_{i+r'}$ ; then  $r = j - \alpha$  and  $r' = j - \beta$ , so  $r + r' = j - i$ . To prove the lemma it suffices to show that the coefficients of  $x_{j-r}x_{i+r}$  and  $x_{j-r'}x_{i+r'}$  in (5-3) are the same.

The reciprocals of those coefficients are  $\theta_{j-i-r}(-\tau)\theta_r(\tau)$  and  $\theta_{j-i-r'}(-\tau)\theta_{r'}(\tau)$ , respectively. But  $\theta_{j-i-r'}(-\tau)\theta_{r'}(\tau) = \theta_r(-\tau)\theta_{j-i-r}(\tau)$ , so the coefficients are the same if and only if

$$\theta_{j-i-r}(\tau + \lambda)\theta_r(\tau) = \theta_r(\tau + \lambda)\theta_{j-i-r}(\tau)$$

i.e., if and only if

$$\frac{\theta_{j-i-r}(\tau + \lambda)}{\theta_r(\tau + \lambda)} = \frac{\theta_{j-i-r}(\tau)}{\theta_r(\tau)}.$$

These are equal: since  $\theta_{j-i-r}$  and  $\theta_r$  belong to  $\Theta_n(\Lambda)$ ,

$$\frac{\theta_{j-i-r}}{\theta_r}$$

is a well-defined (meromorphic) function on  $E$ .

- (2) There are integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\tau = \frac{a}{n} + \frac{b}{n}\eta$  and  $2a = 2b = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . In particular,  $(k+1)a = (k'+1)b = 0$  so, as noted in §4.2.1,  $Q_{n,1}(E, \tau)$  is a polynomial ring.  $\square$

## APPENDIX A. QUASI-PERIODIC FUNCTIONS

A function  $f$  satisfying the hypotheses of the following lemma is called a **theta function of order  $c\eta_1 - a\eta_2$**  with respect to  $\Lambda$ . Thus a theta function of order  $r$  has exactly  $r$  zeros (counted with multiplicity) in every fundamental parallelogram for  $\Lambda$ .

**Lemma A.1.** *Assume  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}\eta_1 + \mathbb{Z}\eta_2$  is a lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $\text{Im}(\eta_2/\eta_1) > 0$ , and suppose  $f$  is a non-constant holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . If there are constants  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} f(z + \eta_1) &= e^{-2\pi i(az+b)} f(z) && \text{and} \\ f(z + \eta_2) &= e^{-2\pi i(cz+d)} f(z), \end{aligned}$$

then

- (1)  $c\eta_1 - a\eta_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , and
- (2)  $f$  has  $c\eta_1 - a\eta_2$  zeros (counted with multiplicity) in every fundamental parallelogram for  $\Lambda$ , and
- (3) the sum of those zeros is  $\frac{1}{2}(c\eta_1^2 - a\eta_2^2) + (c - a)\eta_1\eta_2 + b\eta_2 - d\eta_1$  modulo  $\Lambda$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is holomorphic, and not identically zero, it has finitely many zeros in every compact region of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Hence we can, and do, choose a fundamental parallelogram for  $\Lambda$  such that no zeros of  $f$  lie on its boundary. Because  $\text{Im}(\eta_2/\eta_1) > 0$ , the vertices of such a parallelogram can be labeled  $A, B, C, D$  in a counterclockwise direction with  $A = r$ ,  $B = r + \eta_1$ ,  $C = r + \eta_1 + \eta_2$ , and  $D = r + \eta_2$ .

The number of zeros of  $f$  in the parallelogram  $ABCD$  is  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{ABCD} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$ . It follows from the translation properties of  $f$  that

$$\frac{f'(z + \eta_1)}{f(z + \eta_1)} = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - 2\pi ia$$

and

$$\frac{f'(z + \eta_2)}{f(z + \eta_2)} = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - 2\pi ic.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{AB} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz + \int_{CD} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz &= \int_r^{r+\eta_1} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{f'(z + \eta_2)}{f(z + \eta_2)} \right) dz \\ &= 2\pi ic\eta_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{AD} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz + \int_{CB} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz &= \int_r^{r+\eta_2} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{f'(z + \eta_1)}{f(z + \eta_1)} \right) dz \\ &= 2\pi ia\eta_2. \end{aligned}$$

The number of zeros of  $f$  in the parallelogram  $ABCD$  is therefore  $c\eta_1 - a\eta_2$ .

The sum of these zeros is  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{ABCD} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{DA} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz + \int_{BC} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz &= \int_r^{r+\eta_2} \left( -z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + (z + \eta_1) \frac{f'(z + \eta_1)}{f(z + \eta_1)} \right) dz \\ &= \int_r^{r+\eta_2} \left( -z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} + (z + \eta_1) \left( \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - 2\pi ia \right) \right) dz \\ &= \left[ \eta_1 \log f(z) - 2\pi ia \eta_1 z - \pi ia z^2 \right]_r^{r+\eta_2} \\ &= \eta_1 \log \left( \frac{f(r+\eta_2)}{f(r)} \right) - 2\pi ia \eta_1 \eta_2 - \pi ia (2r\eta_2 + \eta_2^2) \\ &= -2\pi i (cr + d) \eta_1 - \pi ia (2\eta_1 \eta_2 + 2r\eta_2 + \eta_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

and, similarly,

$$\int_{AB} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz + \int_{CD} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = 2\pi i (ar + b) \eta_2 + \pi ic (2\eta_1 \eta_2 + 2r\eta_1 + \eta_1^2).$$

Hence the sum of the zeros is  $\frac{1}{2}(c\eta_1^2 - a\eta_2^2) + (c - a)\eta_1\eta_2 + b\eta_2 - d\eta_1$  modulo  $\Lambda$ .  $\square$

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