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# Generating series of all modular graph forms from iterated Eisenstein integrals

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ABSTRACT: We study generating series of torus integrals that contain all so-called modular graph forms relevant for massless one-loop closed-string amplitudes. By analysing the differential equation of the generating series we construct a solution for their low-energy expansion to all orders in the inverse string tension  $\alpha'$ . Our solution is expressed through initial data involving multiple zeta values and certain real-analytic functions of the modular parameter of the torus. These functions are built from real and imaginary parts of holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals and should be closely related to Brown's recent construction of real-analytic modular forms. We study the properties of our real-analytic objects in detail and give explicit examples to a fixed order in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion. In particular, our solution allows for a counting of linearly independent modular graph forms at a given weight, confirming previous partial results and giving predictions for higher, hitherto unexplored weights. It also sheds new light on the topic of uniform transcendentality of the  $\alpha'$ -expansion.

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#### 1 Introduction

Closed-string scattering amplitudes at perturbative one-loop order are formulated as integrals over the complex-structure parameter  $\tau$  of the torus worldsheet. The function of  $\tau$  in the integrand has to be modular invariant under the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of large diffeomorphisms of the torus and arises from integrating a conformal field theory (CFT) correlator over the punctures  $z_i$  of the torus. This work is dedicated to performing the integrals over torus punctures in a low-energy expansion in powers of Mandelstam variables  $s_{ij}$  (in units of the inverse string tension  $\alpha'$ ).

The families of modular invariants and more generally modular forms that can arise in this low-energy expansion have been studied from various perspectives [1-31],<sup>1</sup> and they are now known as *modular graph forms* (MGFs). The name MGF refers to the fact that they can be characterised by (decorated) Feynman-like graphs on the torus where the vertices of the graphs correspond to the integrated punctures in the CFT correlator. Moreover, MGFs have a definite modular behaviour under SL<sub>2</sub>( $\mathbb{Z}$ ) acting on  $\tau$ .

On the one hand, it is straightforward to obtain MGFs as nested lattice sums over discrete loop momenta on the torus by Fourier transformation of the underlying CFT correlators. On the other hand, many crucial properties of MGFs, including their behaviour at the cusp  $\tau \to i\infty$ , are laborious to extract from their lattice-sum representations. In particular, the lattice-sum representation does not manifest that MGFs obey an intricate web of relations over rational numbers and multiple zeta values (MZVs). The last years have witnessed tremendous progress in performing basis reductions of individual MGFs [4, 5, 9, 13, 20], mostly through the differential equations they satisfy. Still, the workload in simplifying the low-energy expansion of torus integrals grows drastically with the order in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion.

In this work, we study generating series of torus integrals and derive an all-order formula for their  $\alpha'$ -expansion as our main result, that also exposes all relations among MGFs. These generating series are conjectured to contain all MGFs that are relevant to closed-string one-loop amplitudes of type-II, heterotic and bosonic string theories. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See [32–37] for higher-genus incarnations of modular graph forms.

advantage of working with generating series is that their differential equations in  $\tau$ , derived in our previous work [30], are valid to all orders in  $\alpha'$  and take a simple form for any number n of punctures.

Similar types of generating series have been constructed for one-loop open-string amplitudes, i.e. for a conjectural basis of integrals over punctures on the boundary of a cylinder or Möbius-strip worldsheet [38, 39]. Their differential equations have been solved to yield explicitly known combinations of iterated integrals over holomorphic Eisenstein series  $G_k$  at all orders of the open-string  $\alpha'$ -expansions.<sup>2</sup> We shall here exploit that the first-order differential equations of closed-string generating series have the same structure as their open-string counterparts [30]: our main result is a solution of the closed-string differential equations that pinpoints a systematic parametrization of arbitrary MGFs in terms of iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates.<sup>3</sup> The existence of such parametrizations is implied by the constructive proof announced in talks by Panzer, cf. e.g. [47]. Our generating series also provide a new angle on the problem of constructing bases of MGFs at given modular weights and reducing the topology of graphs one needs to consider.

The results of this work provide a link to recent developments in the mathematics literature: Brown constructed a class of non-holomorphic modular forms from iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates which share the algebraic and differential properties of MGFs [46, 48, 49]. We expect the combinations of iterated Eisenstein integrals in our parametrization of MGFs to occur in Brown's generating series of single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals that drive his construction of modular forms: at the level of the respective generating series, single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals and closedstring integrals both obey differential equations of Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov-Bernard-type in  $\tau$ . Moreover, both constructions give rise to modular forms with an identical counting of independent representatives, which is governed by holomorphic integration kernels  $\tau^j G_k(\tau)$ with  $0 \leq j \leq k-2$  and Tsunogai's derivation algebra [50].

In order to generate MGFs from first-order differential equations of closed-string integrals, we need to supplement initial values at the cusp  $\tau \to i\infty$ . Our generating series at n points is believed to degenerate to genus-zero integrals over moduli spaces of (n+2)punctured spheres similar to those in closed-string tree amplitudes. The appearance of sphere integrals will be made explicit at n = 2 and is under investigation at  $n \ge 3$  [51], i.e. conjectural at the time of writing. Once the degeneration to sphere integrals is fully established at n points, the initial values in our  $\alpha'$ -expansions at genus one are series in single-valued MZVs<sup>4</sup> which arise in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of sphere integrals [54–60]. Hence, the formalism in this work should reduce all MGFs to single-valued MZVs and real-analytic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the cylinder- and Möbius-strip integrals in the simplest one-loop open-string amplitudes is known to be expressible in terms of iterated Eisenstein integrals from earlier work [40–43]. An alternative method to determine all-order  $\alpha'$ -expansions of open-string integrals from differential equations in auxiliary punctures has been introduced in [44].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The relation between MGFs and iterated Eisenstein integrals has already been established for certain classes of examples [8, 17, 45, 46].

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$ Single-valued MZVs are obtained from evaluating single-valued polylogarithms at unit argument [52, 53].

combinations of iterated Eisenstein integrals. Our results can thus be viewed as a concrete step towards genus-one relations between closed strings and single-valued open-string amplitudes as pioneered in [7, 8, 17, 21, 28].

The present work concerns MGFs that are the building blocks of closed-string scattering amplitudes. In order to obtain the actual scattering amplitude one still has to perform the integral over the modular parameter  $\tau$ . While our methods do not directly give new insights into this final step, we note that a parametrisation in terms of iterated Eisenstein integrals can help in view of recent progress in representing these in terms of Poincaré series [18, 23, 61]. Poincaré-series representations of modular-invariant functions feature crucially in the Rankin-Selberg-Zagier method for integrals over  $\tau$  [1, 62–65] and related work in the context of MGFs can be found in [4, 22, 25].

#### 1.1 Summary of results

The generating series of MGFs that is central to the present paper can be written in the schematic form

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{n-1} \int \left(\prod_{j=2}^{n} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 z_j}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}\right) \exp\left(\sum_{1\leq i< j}^{n} s_{ij} G(z_i - z_j, \tau)\right)$$

$$\times \sigma \left[\overline{\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j)}\right] \rho \left[\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, (\tau - \bar{\tau})\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j)\right],$$

$$(1.1)$$

where the *n* punctures  $z_j$  are integrated over a torus of modular parameter  $\tau$  (after fixing  $z_1 = 0$  by translation invariance) and the  $\eta_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j$  are the formal variables of the generating series. Expanding with respect to these and the dimensionless Mandelstam variables

$$s_{ij} = -\frac{\alpha'}{2} k_i \cdot k_j, \qquad 1 \le i < j \le n \tag{1.2}$$

generates MGFs. The integrand of (1.1) involves doubly-periodic functions  $\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, \ldots) = \varphi^{\tau}(z_j+1,\ldots) = \varphi^{\tau}(z_j+\tau,\ldots)$  that will be spelled out below in (2.8). The asymmetric rescaling of the holomorphic bookkeeping variables  $\eta_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j$  in the last factor  $\varphi^{\tau}(z_j, (\tau-\bar{\tau})\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j)$  is chosen in view of the modular properties of the generating series. The integrals  $Y_{\eta}^{\tau}$  in (1.1) are indexed by permutations  $\sigma, \rho \in S_{n-1}$  that act on the subscripts 2, 3, ..., n of the  $\{z_j, \eta_j\}$  variables and leave  $z_1$  inert. Finally, the permutation-invariant exponent in (1.1) features the closed-string Green function  $G(z, \tau)$  on the torus that will be reviewed in section 2 below, where we also comment on the role of  $\sigma, \rho$  in the open string [30, 38, 39].

We have conjectured in [30] that one can use integration by parts and Fay identities such that all basis integrals appearing in torus amplitudes in various string theories are contained in the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . This is true for all examples studied thus far (see e.g. appendix D of [21]), and it would be interesting to find a general proof, for instance by computing the dimension of the underlying twisted cohomology as done at tree level by Aomoto [66].<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>See for instance [67, 68] for a discussion in a physics context.

It was shown in [30] that the integrals  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  in (1.1) obey a first-order differential equation in  $\tau$  of schematic form

$$\partial_{\tau} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \frac{1}{(\tau-\bar{\tau})^2} \sum_{j=2}^{n} \bar{\eta}_j \partial_{\eta_j} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) + \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}} \mathcal{D}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\rho|\alpha) Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\alpha) \,. \tag{1.3}$$

The  $(n-1)! \times (n-1)!$  matrix  $\mathcal{D}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\rho|\alpha)$  comprises second derivatives in  $\eta_j$ , Weierstraß functions of  $\eta_j, \tau$  and has a pole in  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{-2}$ . It is closely related to analogous operators  $D_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  in differential equations of open-string integrals [38, 39].

One of the key steps for presenting the solution of (1.3) in terms of iterated integrals is a redefinition of the generating series by the exponentiated action of a differential operator  $R_{\vec{n}}(\epsilon_0)$  that is related to Tsunogai's derivation algebra [50]. The redefinition

$$\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}} \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})}\right) \rho^{\alpha} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\alpha)$$
(1.4)

streamlines the differential equation (1.3) and in particular removes the poles  $\sim (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{-2}$ in both terms on the right-hand side. This results in a differential equation of the form

$$\partial_{\tau} \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{j} \mathbf{G}_{k}(\tau) \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}} \mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j,k}(\rho|\alpha) \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\alpha) \,. \tag{1.5}$$

The  $\mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j,k}(\rho|\alpha)$  are matrix-valued operators that importantly do not depend on  $\tau$  and involve at least one power in  $s_{ij}$  and therefore  $\alpha'$ . Hence, one can solve (1.5) perturbatively by iterated integrals over holomorphic Eisenstein series  $G_k(\tau)$  and thereby build up the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of (1.4). The range of the accompanying powers  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})^j$ ,  $j \in \{0, 1, \ldots, k-2\}$ ties in with Brown's iterated Eisenstein integrals [46, 48, 49]. More specifically, (1.5) will be shown to admit an all-order solution for the original integrals (1.1)

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{\ell} \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,k_{\ell} \\ =4,6,8,\dots}} \sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1-2} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2-2} \dots \sum_{j_{\ell}=0}^{k_{\ell}-2} (2\pi i)^{-\ell+\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (k_i-j_i)} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{\ell} \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_{\ell} \end{bmatrix} (1.6)$$
$$\times \sum_{\alpha,\beta\in\mathcal{S}_{n-1}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j_{\ell},k_{\ell}} & \dots & \mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j_2,k_2} & \mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j_1,k_1} \end{bmatrix} (\rho|\alpha) \exp\left(\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})}\right) \alpha^{\beta} \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}(\sigma|\beta) ,$$

see (3.11) for the exact expression. The  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  are the central objects in this paper and expressible in terms of holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates. In case of a single column with entries  $k \ge 4$  and  $0 \le j \le k-2$ , they are related to non-holomorphic Eisenstein series, their derivatives and single-valued MZVs, and we expect general  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  to occur in Brown's generating series of single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals. The right-hand side of (1.6) also features matrix products  $\dots \mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j_2,k_2} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\vec{\eta},j_1,k_1}$ of the operators in (1.5), and these operators will be seen to be related to Tsunogai's derivation algebra. Moreover, the degeneration  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}(\sigma|\beta)$  of the integrals (1.4) at the cusp  $\tau \to i\infty$  is a series in  $s_{ij}, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j$  and is conjectured<sup>6</sup> to contain only single-valued MZVs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>This is a stronger form of Zerbini's conjecture [7, 19] that the expansion of modular graph *functions* around the cusp contains only single-valued MZVs.

 $\zeta_{k_1,\ldots,k_r}^{\text{sv}}$  in its coefficients. For ordinary MZVs of depth r (see e.g. [69] for their relations over  $\mathbb{Q}$ )

$$\zeta_{k_1,k_2,\dots,k_r} = \sum_{0 < n_1 < \dots < n_r}^{\infty} n_1^{-k_1} n_2^{-k_2} \dots n_r^{-k_r}, \qquad k_1,k_2,\dots,k_r \in \mathbb{N}, \qquad k_r \ge 2 \qquad (1.7)$$

the single-valued map<sup>7</sup> [52, 53] at r = 1 only retains cases of odd weight  $k_1$ ,

$$\zeta_{2k+1}^{\rm sv} = 2\zeta_{2k+1}, \qquad \zeta_{2k}^{\rm sv} = 0.$$
(1.8)

The degeneration limit  $\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}(\sigma|\beta)$  at n = 2 points will be explicitly reduced to  $\zeta_k^{\text{sv}}$  via (4.2) which proves our claim in this case, and the degenerations at higher multiplicities  $n \geq 3$  are under investigation [51].

We shall investigate the modular and reality properties of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  appearing in (1.6) and express them in terms of iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates. These representations  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  will follow solely based on their derivative w.r.t.  $\tau$  together with the reality properties of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . In particular, the antiholomorphic constituents of  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  up to  $k_1 + k_2 \leq 10$  turn out to involve only  $\zeta_k^{\text{sv}}$  as follows from detailed studies of the two- and three-point generating series.

The relation of the  $\beta^{sv}$  to the derivation algebra imply that not all combinations of  $\beta^{sv}$  can actually appear independently in the generating series. Together with the conjecture that  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  contains all possible MGFs, this allows us to give a precise count and determination of the relations between MGFs beyond the weights that have been studied to date.

By exploiting also the reality properties of the  $\beta^{sv}$ , the counting allows us to distinguish between real and imaginary MGFs in the basis. Since imaginary MGFs are cuspidal [22], we can hence also identify the number of imaginary non-holomorphic cusp forms in the spectrum of MGFs with our method. In particular, we show that at modular weight (5,5) three imaginary cusp forms are necessary for a basis of MGFs of arbitrary topology, extending the analysis of two-loop graphs in [22] by one new cusp form. The total number of independent MGFs of modular weight (w, w) with  $w \leq 8$  and the number of imaginary cusp forms contained in these is given by

mod. weight $(w, \bar{w})$	(0,0)	(1, 1)	(2, 2)	(3,3)	(4, 4)	(5, 5)	(6,6)	(7, 7)	(8, 8)
# MGFs	1	0	1	1	4	7	19	43	108
# imag. cusp forms	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	19	42

This counting includes products of MGFs but excludes products involving MZVs. In this table, we have focused on cases with  $w = \bar{w}$  that can be turned into modular invariant functions by multiplying by  $(\text{Im }\tau)^w$  and these cases include not only the modular graph *functions* originally studied in [4, 8], but also more general modular invariant objects. A more detailed counting including cases with  $w \neq \bar{w}$  will be presented in section 6.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Strictly speaking, the single-valued map as in (1.8) is only defined to exist in passing to motivic MZVs.

#### 1.2 Outline

We introduce the ingredients of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and its properties in section 2. In section 3, we study in detail the transition from (1.3) to (1.5) and how this leads to the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  together with their relation to iterated Eisenstein integrals. This includes a discussion of integration ambiguities given by antiholomorphic functions and how they can be fixed from reality properties. In section 4, we implement the general scheme in the simplest two-point case and show how this fixes already a large number of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . Further  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  are then fixed by adding in data from n = 3 points in section 5, where we also encounter imaginary cuspidal MGFs and study their properties. Section 6 is devoted to modular transformation properties of general  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  as well as their implications on the classification of independent MGFs and the transcendentality properties of closed-string integrals. A summary with some open questions is contained in section 7. Several appendices collect complementary details and some of the more lengthy expressions for the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and similar objects  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ .

**Note:** some of the explicit expressions relating MGFs,  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  can be quite lengthy, and this paper includes as supplementary material a Mathematica and data file where these relations and expansions of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  at n = 2 and n = 3 points up to total order 10 are available.

#### 2 Generating series of closed-string integrals

In this section, we will spell out the detailed form of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  in (1.1) and recall its differential equations derived in [30]. For this we first need to introduce the basic building blocks entering  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and also review the connection to modular graph forms.

#### 2.1 Kronecker-Eisenstein integrands and Green function

The generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  is constructed out of the so-called doubly-periodic Kronecker-Eisenstein series and a Koba-Nielsen factor that involves the scalar Green function on the worldsheet torus.

The torus Kronecker-Eisenstein series in its doubly-periodic form reads [70, 71]

$$\Omega(z,\eta,\tau) := \exp\left(2\pi i\eta \frac{\operatorname{Im} z}{\operatorname{Im} \tau}\right) \frac{\theta'(0,\tau)\theta(z+\eta,\tau)}{\theta(z,\tau)\theta(\eta,\tau)}$$
(2.1)

with  $\theta(z,\tau)$  the odd Jacobi theta function and  $\theta'(z,\tau)$  its derivative in the first argument. The function  $\Omega(z,\eta,\tau)$  is doubly-periodic in the torus variable  $z \cong z + 1 \cong z + \tau$  and can be Laurent-expanded in the formal variable  $\eta$ . This expansion yields an infinite tower of doubly-periodic functions  $f^{(w)}(z,\tau)$  via

$$\Omega(z,\eta,\tau) = \sum_{w=0}^{\infty} \eta^{w-1} f^{(w)}(z,\tau) \,. \tag{2.2}$$

The significance of the functions  $f^{(w)}$  is that all correlation functions of one-loop massless (and possibly massive) closed-string amplitudes in bosonic, heterotic and type-II theories

are expressible through them [21].<sup>8</sup> Their simplest instances are

$$f^{(0)}(z,\tau) = 1, \qquad f^{(1)}(z,\tau) = \partial_z \log \theta(z,\tau) + 2\pi i \frac{\mathrm{Im}\,z}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau},$$
 (2.3)

and all the  $f^{(w\geq 2)}$  are non-singular on the entire torus. Only  $f^{(1)}$  has a simple pole at z = 0 and in fact at all lattice points  $z \in \mathbb{Z} + \tau \mathbb{Z}$ .

The real scalar Green function on the torus is

$$G(z,\tau) = -\log\left|\frac{\theta(z,\tau)}{\eta(\tau)}\right|^2 + \frac{2\pi(\operatorname{Im} z)^2}{\operatorname{Im} \tau}, \qquad (2.4)$$

where  $\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-q^n)$  denotes the Dedekind eta-function and  $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ .

Under modular transformations with  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  the doubly-periodic functions and the Green function obey the following simple transformation laws:

$$\Omega\left(\frac{z}{\gamma\tau+\delta},\frac{\eta}{\gamma\tau+\delta},\frac{\alpha\tau+\beta}{\gamma\tau+\delta}\right) = (\gamma\tau+\delta)\Omega(z,\eta,\tau), \qquad (2.5a)$$

$$f^{(w)}\left(\frac{z}{\gamma\tau+\delta},\frac{\alpha\tau+\beta}{\gamma\tau+\delta}\right) = (\gamma\tau+\delta)^w f^{(w)}(z,\tau), \qquad (2.5b)$$

$$G\left(\frac{z}{\gamma\tau+\delta},\frac{\alpha\tau+\beta}{\gamma\tau+\delta}\right) = G(z,\tau).$$
(2.5c)

Objects that transform with a factor of  $(\gamma \tau + \delta)^w (\gamma \overline{\tau} + \delta)^{\overline{w}}$  under  $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  will be said to carry (holomorphic and antiholomorphic) modular weight  $(w, \overline{w})$ . Thus, one can read off weight (1,0) for  $\Omega$ , weight (w,0) for  $f^{(w)}$  and weight (0,0) for the Green function which is also referred to as modular invariant.

One-loop amplitudes of closed-string states are built from *n*-point correlation function of vertex operators on a worldsheet torus. The plane-wave parts of vertex operators with lightlike external momenta  $k_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) always contribute the so-called Koba-Nielsen factor [74]

$$\operatorname{KN}_{n}^{\tau} := \prod_{1 \le i < j}^{n} \exp\left(s_{ij} G(z_{ij}, \tau)\right) , \qquad (2.6)$$

comprising Green functions connecting the various vertex insertions and the Mandelstam variables  $s_{ij}$  defined in (1.2).

#### 2.2 Generating series and component integrals

An *n*-point correlation function of massless vertex operators on a worldsheet torus with fixed modular parameter  $\tau$  depends on the punctures  $z_i$  via Green functions,  $f^{(w)}$  and  $\overline{f^{(w)}}$  [21]. Since the  $f^{(w)}$  and  $\overline{f^{(w)}}$  are generated by the Kronecker-Eisenstein series  $\Omega$ via (2.2) and the Green functions from the Koba-Nielsen factor  $\mathrm{KN}_n^{\tau}$  via (2.6), it is natural to consider generating functions involving these objects. Moreover, one-loop closed-string

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>More specifically, see [40, 72] and [73] for the appearance of  $f^{(w)}(z,\tau)$  in the spin sums of the RNS formalism and the current algebra of heterotic strings, respectively.

amplitudes require integrating the punctures  $z_i \cong z_i + m\tau + n$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  over the torus, and the modular invariant integration measure is normalised as  $\int \frac{d^2 z_i}{\ln \tau} = 1$ .

In order to exhibit our generating series of torus integrals, we begin with the simplest two-point case, where the above reasoning leads to considering [30]

$$Y_{\eta}^{\tau} = (\tau - \bar{\tau}) \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 z_2}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau} \,\overline{\Omega(z_{12},\eta,\tau)} \Omega(z_{12},(\tau - \bar{\tau})\eta,\tau) \,\mathrm{KN}_2^{\tau}$$
(2.7)

with  $z_{ij} = z_i - z_j$ , and we have used translation invariance on the torus to fix  $z_1 = 0$ .

The *n*-point generalisation is an  $(n-1)! \times (n-1)!$  matrix  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  labelled by permutations  $\sigma, \rho \in S_{n-1}$  and involving n-1 parameters  $\vec{\eta} = (\eta_2, \eta_3, \dots, \eta_n)$  [30],

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) &= Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \left( 1, \sigma(2, \dots, n) | 1, \rho(2, \dots, n) \right) \\ &= (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{n-1} \int \left( \prod_{j=2}^{n} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2} z_{j}}{\mathrm{Im} \, \tau} \right) \mathrm{KN}_{n}^{\tau} \\ &\times \sigma \Big[ \overline{\Omega(z_{12}, \eta_{23...n}, \tau)} \overline{\Omega(z_{23}, \eta_{34...n}, \tau)} \cdots \overline{\Omega(z_{n-2,n-1}, \eta_{n-1,n}, \tau)} \overline{\Omega(z_{n-1,n}, \eta_{n}, \tau)} \Big] \\ &\times \rho \Big[ \Omega(z_{12}, (\tau - \bar{\tau}) \eta_{23...n}, \tau) \Omega(z_{23}, (\tau - \bar{\tau}) \eta_{34...n}, \tau) \cdots \Omega(z_{n-1,n}, (\tau - \bar{\tau}) \eta_{n}, \tau) \Big], \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.8)$$

where we have used the shorthand  $\eta_{i...j} = \eta_i + ... + \eta_j$ . The permutations  $\sigma, \rho$  act on the subscripts of the generating parameters  $\eta_i$  and insertion points  $z_i$  and are necessary to obtain homogeneous first-order differential equations in  $\tau$  for the matrix  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$ . We will refer to the entries of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  by writing the images of the elements (2, 3, ..., n) under the permutations  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$ . Thus,  $Y_{\eta_2,\eta_3}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3)$  at n = 3 corresponds to the trivial elements of  $S_2$  while  $Y_{\eta_2,\eta_3}^{\tau}(3,2|2,3)$  represents the non-trivial element  $\sigma \in S_2$  that maps the factor of  $\overline{\Omega(z_{12},\eta_{23},\tau)} \, \overline{\Omega(z_{23},\eta_3,\tau)}$  in the integrand to  $\overline{\Omega(z_{13},\eta_{23},\tau)} \, \overline{\Omega(z_{32},\eta_2,\tau)}$ .

In the open-string versions of the integrals (2.8), the permutation  $\sigma$  refers to an integration domain (a cyclic ordering of open-string punctures on a cylinder boundary) in the place of the complex conjugate  $\overline{\Omega}$  [30, 38, 39]. The asymmetric choice of second arguments  $(\tau - \overline{\tau})\eta_j$  and  $\overline{\eta}_j$  for the  $\Omega$  and  $\overline{\Omega}$  in the generating series (2.8) is motivated by aiming for specific modular weights as we shall discuss below.

We will use extensively the following component integrals

$$Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau} = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^b} Y_{\eta_2}^{\tau} \Big|_{\eta_2^{a^{-1}} \bar{\eta}_2^{b^{-1}}} = \frac{(\tau - \bar{\tau})^a}{(2\pi i)^b} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 z_2}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau} \,\mathrm{KN}_2^{\tau} \,f_{12}^{(a)} \,\overline{f_{12}^{(b)}} \tag{2.9}$$

with the shorthand

$$f_{ij}^{(a)} = f^{(a)}(z_i - z_j, \tau), \qquad (2.10)$$

where the normalising factor  $(2\pi i)^{-b}$  was chosen to simplify some relations under complex conjugation below. The components of the *n*-point generating function (2.8) are similarly

defined as

$$Y_{(a_{2},a_{3},...,a_{n}|b_{2},b_{3},...,b_{n})}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^{b_{2}+b_{3}+...+b_{n}}} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) \left|_{\eta^{a_{2}-1}_{23...n}\eta^{a_{3}-1}_{3...n}...\eta^{a_{n}-1}_{n}\overline{\eta^{b_{2}-1}_{23...n}}\overline{\eta^{b_{3}-1}_{3...n}...\overline{\eta^{b_{n}-1}}}\right|$$
$$= \frac{(\tau-\overline{\tau})^{a_{2}+a_{3}+...+a_{n}}}{(2\pi i)^{b_{2}+b_{3}+...+b_{n}}} \left(\prod_{j=2}^{n} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}z_{j}}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}\right) \mathrm{KN}_{n}^{\tau}$$
$$\times \rho \left[f_{12}^{(a_{2})}f_{23}^{(a_{3})}...f_{n-1,n}^{(a_{n})}\right] \sigma \left[\overline{f_{12}^{(b_{2})}}\overline{f_{23}^{(b_{3})}}...\overline{f_{n-1,n}^{(b_{n})}}\right].$$

By the modular transformations (2.5) together with

$$\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{\alpha\tau+\beta}{\gamma\tau+\delta}\right) = \frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{(\gamma\tau+\delta)(\gamma\bar{\tau}+\delta)}$$
(2.12)

the modular weights of the component integrals (2.9) and (2.11) are

$$Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau} \leftrightarrow \text{weight}(0, b-a), \qquad Y_{(a_2, \dots, a_n|b_2, \dots, b_n)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) \leftrightarrow \text{weight}\left(0, \sum_{j=2}^n (b_j - a_j)\right).$$
(2.13)

This property holds at each order in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion, so the integrals are generating functions of modular forms. The fact that the holomorphic modular weight of the component integral vanishes was the reason for making the asymmetric definitions (2.7) and (2.8). These definitions also lead to a more tractable differential equation that we shall analyse in detail in this paper.

We will later make essential use of the following reality properties: complex conjugation of component integrals over  $f_{12}^{(a)}\overline{f_{12}^{(b)}}$  exchanges  $a \leftrightarrow b$ , so we have

$$Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau} = (4y)^{a-b} \overline{Y_{(b|a)}^{\tau}}, \qquad \overline{Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}} = (4y)^{a-b} Y_{(b|a)}^{\tau}, \qquad (2.14)$$

where  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$ , and similarly,

$$Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,\dots,a_n|b_2,\dots,b_n)}(\sigma|\rho) = \left(\prod_{j=2}^n (4y)^{a_j-b_j}\right) \overline{Y^{\tau}_{(b_2,\dots,b_n|a_2,\dots,a_n)}(\rho|\sigma)}.$$
 (2.15)

#### 2.3 Modular graph forms

In a series-expansion w.r.t.  $\alpha'$ , the component integrals (2.9) and (2.11) can be conveniently performed in Fourier space, see appendix A.1. This leads to nested lattice sums over nonvanishing discrete momenta  $p = m\tau + n$  on the torus with  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In the case of the two-point component integrals (2.9), the  $z_2$  integration yields for instance expressions of the type

$$\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R \end{bmatrix}(\tau) = \sum_{p_1, \dots, p_R \neq 0} \frac{\delta(p_1 + \dots + p_R)}{p_1^{a_1} \bar{p}_1^{b_1} \cdots p_R^{a_R} \bar{p}_R^{b_R}}$$
(2.16)

with integer labels  $a_i, b_i$ . Here,  $\sum_{p \neq 0}$  instructs us to sum over all  $p = m\tau + n$  with  $(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $(m, n) \neq (0, 0)$ , resulting in modular weight  $\sum_{i=1}^{R} (a_i, b_i)$ .



Figure 1. Dihedral graph with decorated edges and notation for modular graph form.

Formula (2.16) is an example of a modular graph form (MGF) [8, 9], here associated with a dihedral graph topology of lines connecting the two insertion points, see figure 1. The momentum-conserving delta function obstructs nonzero one-column MGFs, so the simplest examples of dihedral topology are

$$\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} a & 0\\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix}(\tau) = \sum_{p \neq 0} \frac{1}{p^a \bar{p}^b} = \sum_{\substack{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2\\(m,n) \neq (0,0)}} \frac{1}{(m\tau + n)^a (m\bar{\tau} + n)^b} \,.$$
(2.17)

Special cases are given by non-holomorphic Eisenstein series (convergent for  $k \ge 2$ )

$$\mathbf{E}_{k}(\tau) = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^{k} \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} k & 0\\ k & 0 \end{bmatrix}(\tau) = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^{k} \sum_{p \neq 0} \frac{1}{|p|^{2k}}.$$
(2.18)

They are real and modular invariant due to the prefactor  $(\text{Im }\tau)^k$ , see (2.12).

Similar to the MGF (2.16) associated with the dihedral topology in figure 1, one can introduce MGFs for any graph  $\Gamma$  with labelled edges [8, 9]. As exemplified for the trihedral case in appendix A.2, the notation  $C_{\Gamma}\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}\\ \mathcal{B}\end{bmatrix}$  for the corresponding MGF has to track the holomorphic labels  $\mathcal{A}$ , the antiholomorphic labels  $\mathcal{B}$  and the adjacency properties of the edges of the graph  $\Gamma$ . We follow the conventions of [30] for their normalisation where the modular weight  $(w, \bar{w})$  is obtained by summing the labels of all edges,

$$\mathcal{C}_{\Gamma}\begin{bmatrix}\mathcal{A}\\\mathcal{B}\end{bmatrix} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{modular weight } (w, \bar{w}) = \left(\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a, \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} b\right),$$
 (2.19)

cf. appendix A.2 for the trihedral case. Even though more complicated graph topologies are ubiquitous in the MGF literature, one of the results of the present paper is that, up to total modular weight  $w+\bar{w} = 12$ , dihedral MGFs are sufficient for providing a basis of all MGFs. This is discussed in more detail in section 6.2.6.

#### 2.3.1 Differential operators and equations

The more general case of (2.17) with  $a \neq b$  can be accounted for by using the following derivative operators<sup>9</sup>

$$\nabla := 2i(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2 \partial_\tau, \qquad \overline{\nabla} := -2i(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2 \partial_{\overline{\tau}}. \qquad (2.20)$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>These were called  $\nabla_{\text{DG}}$  in [30] and correspond to (Im  $\tau$ ) times Maaß raising and lowering operators. The normalisation conventions for  $\nabla$  are identical to those in [9, 13, 17, 21, 22].

The operator  $\nabla$  has the property that it maps an object of modular weight  $(0, \bar{w})$  to  $(0, \bar{w} - 2)$  and, by (2.13), is therefore an appropriate operator for the component integrals (2.11). The operator  $\overline{\nabla}$  similarly maps weight (w, 0) to (w-2, 0).

Acting with the differential operator  $\nabla$  on the non-holomorphic Eisenstein series  $E_k$ in (2.18) leads to

$$\nabla^{m} \mathbf{E}_{k}(\tau) = \frac{(\mathrm{Im}\,\tau)^{k+m}}{\pi^{k}} \frac{(k+m-1)!}{(k-1)!} \,\mathcal{C}\big[{}^{k+m\ 0}_{k-m\ 0}\big](\tau)\,. \tag{2.21}$$

Cases with m = k yield holomorphic Eisenstein series

$$G_k(\tau) = \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} k & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}(\tau) = \sum_{p \neq 0} \frac{1}{p^k}$$
(2.22)

that converge absolutely for  $k \ge 4$  and vanish for odd k. Formula (2.21) specialises in this case to

$$(\pi \nabla)^{k} \mathbf{E}_{k}(\tau) = \frac{(2k-1)!}{(k-1)!} (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{2k} \mathbf{G}_{2k}(\tau) \,.$$
(2.23)

We will encounter the following generalisations that are also real and modular-invariant [17]:

$$E_{2,2} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^4 \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1&1&2\\1&1&2\end{bmatrix} - \frac{9}{10}E_4, \qquad (2.24a)$$

$$E_{2,3} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 1 & 3\\ 1 & 1 & 3\end{bmatrix} - \frac{43}{35}E_5, \qquad (2.24b)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{3,3} = \left(\frac{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}{\pi}\right)^6 \left(3\,\mathcal{C}\left[\begin{smallmatrix}1&2&3\\1&2&3\end{smallmatrix}\right] + \,\mathcal{C}\left[\begin{smallmatrix}2&2&2\\2&2&2\end{smallmatrix}\right]\right) - \frac{15}{14}\mathbf{E}_6\,,\,(2.24c)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{3,3}' = \left(\frac{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}{\pi}\right)^{6} \left(\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1\ 2\ 3\ 3\end{bmatrix} + \frac{17}{60}\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}2\ 2\ 2\ 2\end{bmatrix}\right) - \frac{59}{140}\mathbf{E}_{6}\,,\tag{2.24d}$$

$$E_{2,4} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi}\right)^{6} \left(9 \,\mathcal{C}\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}\right] + 3 \,\mathcal{C}\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right] + \,\mathcal{C}\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right] \right) - 13E_{6} \,, \tag{2.24e}$$

$$E_{2,2,2} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi}\right)^6 \left(\frac{232}{45} \mathcal{C}[\frac{2}{2} \frac{2}{2} \frac{2}{2}] + \frac{292}{15} \mathcal{C}[\frac{1}{1} \frac{2}{2} \frac{3}{3}] + \frac{2}{5} \mathcal{C}[\frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1} \frac{4}{4}] - \mathcal{C}[\frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1} \frac{2}{2} \frac{2}{2}]\right) + 2E_3^2 + E_2 E_4 - \frac{466}{45} E_6.$$
(2.24f)

The above MGFs all belong to the dihedral class and arise in  $(n\geq 2)$ -point component integrals. More complicated graph topologies arise for the higher-point component integrals (2.11), and a brief review of trihedral modular graph forms can be found in appendix A.2.

The particular choice of combinations in the above expressions simplifies the differential equation and delays the occurrence of holomorphic Eisenstein series  $G_k$  as much as possible when taking Cauchy-Riemann derivatives. This leads for instance to the following differential equations [9, 17]

$$(\pi \nabla)^{3} \mathbf{E}_{2,2} = -6(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{4} \mathbf{G}_{4} \pi \nabla \mathbf{E}_{2}, \qquad (2.25)$$
$$(\pi \nabla)^{3} \mathbf{E}_{2,3} = -2(\pi \nabla \mathbf{E}_{2})(\pi \nabla)^{2} \mathbf{E}_{3} - 4(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{4} \mathbf{G}_{4} \pi \nabla \mathbf{E}_{3}.$$

#### 2.3.2 Examples in $\alpha'$ -expansions

As an example of how MGFs occur in the component integrals of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ , we consider the two-point integrals (2.9). It can be checked by using identities for modular graph forms [9] that the first few component integrals have the following  $\alpha'$ -expansions<sup>10</sup>

$$Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}s_{12}^{2}E_{2} + \frac{1}{6}s_{12}^{3}(E_{3} + \zeta_{3}) + s_{12}^{4}\left(E_{2,2} + \frac{1}{8}E_{2}^{2} + \frac{3}{20}E_{4}\right) + s_{12}^{5}\left(\frac{1}{2}E_{2,3} + \frac{1}{12}E_{2}(E_{3} + \zeta_{3}) + \frac{3}{14}E_{5} + \frac{2\zeta_{5}}{15}\right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{6}),$$
(2.26a)

$$Y_{(2|0)}^{\tau} = 2s_{12}\pi\nabla E_2 + \frac{2}{3}s_{12}^2\pi\nabla E_3 + s_{12}^3\left(\frac{3}{5}\pi\nabla E_4 + 4\pi\nabla E_{2,2} + E_2\pi\nabla E_2\right)$$
(2.26b)

$$+ s_{12}^4 \left( \frac{6}{7} \pi \nabla \mathcal{E}_5 + 2\pi \nabla \mathcal{E}_{2,3} + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{E}_2 \pi \nabla \mathcal{E}_3 + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{E}_3 \pi \nabla \mathcal{E}_2 + \frac{1}{3} \zeta_3 \pi \nabla \mathcal{E}_2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^5) ,$$

$$Y_{(4|0)}^{\tau} = -\frac{4}{3}s_{12}(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{3} + s_{12}^{2}\left(-\frac{6}{5}(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{4} + 2(\pi\nabla E_{2})^{2}\right)$$

$$+ s_{12}^{3}\left(-\frac{12}{7}(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{5} - 4(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{2,3} - \frac{4}{3}(\pi\nabla E_{2})(\pi\nabla E_{3}) - \frac{2}{3}E_{2}(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{3}\right)$$

$$+ \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{4}) \quad .$$

$$(2.26c)$$

#### 2.3.3 Laurent polynomials

The expansion of MGFs around the the cusp  $\tau \to i\infty$  are expected to take the form

$$\mathcal{C}_{\Gamma}\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{B} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{m,n \ge 0} c_{m,n} (\operatorname{Im} \tau) q^m \bar{q}^n \,, \tag{2.27}$$

where  $c_{m,n}(\operatorname{Im} \tau)$  are Laurent polynomials in  $\operatorname{Im} \tau$ , see e.g. Theorem 1.4.1 of [19]. An important property of MGFs is the Laurent polynomial  $c_{0,0}(\operatorname{Im} \tau)$  corresponding to the qand  $\bar{q}$ -independent terms in (2.27). As exemplified by (with Bernoulli numbers  $B_{2k}$ ) [2, 4]

$$\mathbf{E}_{k} = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{B_{2k}}{(2k)!} (4y)^{k} + \frac{4(2k-3)!}{(k-2)!(k-1)!} \frac{\zeta_{2k-1}}{(4y)^{k-1}} + \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}), \qquad (2.28a)$$

$$E_{2,2} = -\frac{y^4}{20250} + \frac{y\zeta_3}{45} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{12y} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{4y^2} + \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}), \qquad (2.28b)$$

$$E_{2,3} = -\frac{4y^5}{297675} + \frac{2y^2\zeta_3}{945} - \frac{\zeta_5}{180} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{16y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3\zeta_5}{2y^3} + \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}), \qquad (2.28c)$$

the coefficients in the Laurent polynomials  $c_{0,0}(\operatorname{Im} \tau)$  are conjectured<sup>11</sup> to be Q-linear combinations of single-valued MZVs [7, 8, 19] when written in terms of  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>When comparing with the  $\alpha'$ -expansions in (2.69) of [30], note that the component integrals (2.9) are related to the  $W^{\tau}_{(a|b)}$  in the reference via  $Y^{\tau}_{(a|b)} = \frac{(2i \operatorname{Im} \tau)^a}{(2\pi i)^b} W^{\tau}_{(a|b)}$ . <sup>11</sup>In the case of modular graph functions with  $a_j = b_j$ , the coefficients in the Laurent polynomials

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>In the case of modular graph functions with  $a_j = b_j$ , the coefficients in the Laurent polynomials  $c_{0,0}(\text{Im }\tau)$  are proven to be Q-linear combinations of cyclotomic MZVs [7, 19].

#### 2.3.4 Cusp forms

Modular graph forms have a simple transformation under complex conjugation that just exchanges the  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  labels. For dihedral graphs this means

$$\overline{\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix}} = \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\\a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.29)

We will encounter imaginary combinations of MGFs in the context of three-point  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ integrals,

$$\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix} - \overline{\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix}}.$$
(2.30)

Imaginary MGFs of this type have been first studied in [22] and were shown to be cusp forms with vanishing Laurent-polynomials ~  $q^0 \bar{q}^0$ : The  $\mathcal{A}[\cdots](\tau)$  in (2.30) are odd under  $\tau \to -\bar{\tau}$  that sends Re  $\tau \to -$  Re  $\tau$  while keeping Im  $\tau$  unchanged. This reflection moreover acts on any modular graph form by<sup>12</sup>  $\mathcal{C}[\cdots](-\bar{\tau}) = \overline{\mathcal{C}[\cdots](\tau)}$  since this operation exchanges holomorphic and antiholomorphic momenta up to a change of summation variable, thus making  $\mathcal{A}[\cdots](\tau)$  an odd function under this reflection. But since Im  $\tau$  and thus the zero mode  $c_{0,0}(\text{Im }\tau) - \overline{c_{0,0}(\text{Im }\tau)}$  of  $\mathcal{A}[\cdots](\tau)$  are even this means that the zero mode must vanish. Also real cusp forms occur among MGFs, for instance products of two imaginary cusp forms (2.30).

#### 2.4 Differential equation

The differential equation of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  defined in section 2.2 was derived in [30]. At two points, the integral (2.7) was shown to obey the homogeneous firstorder equation

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{\eta}^{\tau} = \left\{ -\frac{1}{(\tau - \bar{\tau})^2} R_{\eta}(\epsilon_0) + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (1 - k) (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k-2} \mathcal{G}_k(\tau) R_{\eta}(\epsilon_k) \right\} Y_{\eta}^{\tau}$$
(2.31)

with the following  $\eta$ - and  $\bar{\eta}$ -dependent operators

$$R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{0}) = s_{12} \left( \frac{1}{\eta^{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\eta}^{2} \right) - 2\pi i \bar{\eta} \partial_{\eta} , \qquad R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{k}) = s_{12} \eta^{k-2} , \qquad k \ge 4 .$$
 (2.32)

The generalisation to  $(n \ge 3)$  points requires  $(n-1)! \times (n-1)!$  matrix-valued operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)_{\rho}{}^{\alpha}$  acting on the indices  $\rho$  of the integrals (2.8). The first-order differential equation is

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{\alpha \in S_{n-1}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{(\tau-\bar{\tau})^2} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)_{\rho}^{\alpha} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (1-k)(\tau-\bar{\tau})^{k-2} \mathbf{G}_k(\tau) R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)_{\rho}^{\alpha} \right\} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\alpha) , \quad (2.33)$$

<sup>12</sup>Here, we make use of the assumption that the entries  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  of the MGFs are integers [22].

see also [30] for homogeneous second-order Laplace equations among the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$ . At three points, for instance, the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  in (2.33) are 2 × 2 matrices

$$R_{\eta_{2},\eta_{3}}(\epsilon_{0}) = \frac{1}{\eta_{23}^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} s_{12} & -s_{13} \\ -s_{12} & s_{13} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\eta_{2}^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ s_{12} & s_{12} + s_{23} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\eta_{3}^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} s_{13} + s_{23} & s_{13} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} s_{12} \partial_{\eta_{2}}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} s_{13} \partial_{\eta_{3}}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} s_{23} (\partial_{\eta_{2}} - \partial_{\eta_{3}})^{2} + 2\pi i (\bar{\eta}_{2} \partial_{\eta_{2}} + \bar{\eta}_{3} \partial_{\eta_{3}}) \end{pmatrix}, \\ R_{\eta_{2},\eta_{3}}(\epsilon_{k}) = \eta_{23}^{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} s_{12} & -s_{13} \\ -s_{12} & s_{13} \end{pmatrix} + \eta_{2}^{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ s_{12} & s_{12} + s_{23} \end{pmatrix} \\ + \eta_{3}^{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} s_{13} + s_{23} & s_{13} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k \ge 4,$$

$$(2.34)$$

and their higher-multiplicity analogues following from [30, 38, 39] are reviewed in appendix B.

The differential equations among the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  are generating series for differential equations among the component integrals. The simplest two-point examples are<sup>13</sup>

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} = \frac{s_{12}}{4(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} Y_{(2|0)}^{\tau}, \quad 2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{(2|0)}^{\tau} = -\frac{s_{12}}{2(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} Y_{(4|0)}^{\tau} + 12s_{12}(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2 \mathcal{G}_4(\tau) Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau},$$
(2.35)

and generalise to (we are setting  $Y_{(a|-1)}^{\tau} := 0$ )

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau} = -\frac{a}{4(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} Y_{(a+1|b-1)}^{\tau} + \frac{(1-a)(a+2)s_{12}}{8(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} Y_{(a+2|b)}^{\tau} + s_{12} \sum_{k=4}^{a+2} (1-k) \operatorname{G}_k(\tau) (2i\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{k-2} Y_{(a+2-k|b)}^{\tau}.$$
(2.36)

The expansion of the component integrals in terms of MGFs given in (2.26) together with the differential equations (2.23) and (2.25) of the MGFs can be used to verify (2.35) order by order in  $\alpha'$ . Conversely, one can use (2.36) and its generalisations to *n* points to deduce properties of MGFs.

We also note that  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  satisfies the following equation when differentiated with respect to  $\bar{\tau}$  [30, eq. (6.12)]:

$$-2\pi i \partial_{\bar{\tau}} Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}} \left\{ 2\pi i \sum_{j=2}^{n} \left[ 2\eta_{j} \partial_{\bar{\eta}_{j}} + \frac{\eta_{j} \partial_{\eta_{j}} - \bar{\eta}_{j} \partial_{\bar{\eta}_{j}}}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \right] \delta^{\sigma}_{\alpha} - \overline{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{0})}_{\alpha}^{\sigma} \qquad (2.37)$$
$$+ \sum_{k \ge 4} (1-k) \overline{G_{k}(\tau)} \overline{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k})}_{\alpha}^{\sigma} \right\} Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}(\alpha|\rho) \,.$$

We shall not use this equation extensively but rather the holomorphic  $\tau$ -derivative (2.33) together with the reality properties (2.15) of the component integrals. Similar to Brown's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>When comparing with the differential equations in (3.25) and (3.26) of [30], note that the component integrals are related by  $Y^{\tau}_{(a|b)} = \frac{(2i \operatorname{Im} \tau)^a}{(2\pi i)^b} W^{\tau}_{(a|b)}$ . Moreover, the powers of  $\operatorname{Im} \tau$  are tailored such that the operators  $\nabla^{(w)}$  in the reference can be effectively replaced by  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})\partial_{\tau}$ .

construction [46, 49, 75] of non-holomorphic modular forms, the series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  is engineered to simplify the holomorphic derivative (2.33) at the expense of the more lengthy expression (2.37) for the antiholomorphic one.

#### 2.5 Derivation algebra

The notation  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  for the operators in the differential equations (2.31) and (2.33) was chosen to highlight a connection with Tsunogai's derivations  $\epsilon_k$  [50]. They arise in the differential equation of the elliptic KZB associator and act on its non-commutative variables [76–78]. The derivation algebra  $\{\epsilon_k, k \ge 0\}$  is characterised by a variety of relations, and the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  in this work are believed to form matrix representations of these the relations. For instance, from the absence of k = 2 in (2.31) and (2.33), we have  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_2) = 0$  which is consistent with the general relation

$$[\epsilon_2, \epsilon_k] = 0. \tag{2.38}$$

With the notation

$$\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_j}^m(\epsilon_k) = [\underbrace{\epsilon_j, [\epsilon_j, [\ldots, [\epsilon_j, [\epsilon_j], \epsilon_k]] \dots]]}_m$$
(2.39)

for the repeated adjoint action  $ad_{\epsilon_j}(\epsilon_k) = [\epsilon_j, \epsilon_k]$ , a crucial set of relations among Tsunogai's derivations is the (adjoint) nilpotency of  $\epsilon_0$ 

$$\operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k-1}(\epsilon_k) = 0, \qquad k \ge 2, \qquad (2.40)$$

for instance  $[\epsilon_0, [\epsilon_0, [\epsilon_0, \epsilon_4]]] = 0$ . The operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  in the differential equations (2.31) and (2.33) are expected to preserve (2.40),

$$R_{\vec{\eta}}\left(\operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_{0}}^{k-1}(\epsilon_{k})\right) := \operatorname{ad}_{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{0})}^{k-1}\left(R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k})\right) = 0, \qquad k \ge 2,$$

$$(2.41)$$

as furthermore supported by a variety of explicit checks, also see section 4.5 of [39] for supporting arguments in an open-string context.<sup>14</sup> There is a variety of further relations in the derivation algebra [41, 79, 80] that are related to the counting of holomorphic cusp forms at various modular weights [80]

$$0 = [\epsilon_{10}, \epsilon_4] - 3[\epsilon_8, \epsilon_6], \qquad (2.42a)$$

$$0 = 2[\epsilon_{14}, \epsilon_4] - 7[\epsilon_{12}, \epsilon_6] + 11[\epsilon_{10}, \epsilon_8], \qquad (2.42b)$$

$$0 = 80[\epsilon_{12}, [\epsilon_4, \epsilon_0]] + 16[\epsilon_4, [\epsilon_{12}, \epsilon_0]] - 250[\epsilon_{10}, [\epsilon_6, \epsilon_0]] - 125[\epsilon_6, [\epsilon_{10}, \epsilon_0]] + 280[\epsilon_8, [\epsilon_8, \epsilon_0]] - 462[\epsilon_4, [\epsilon_4, \epsilon_8]] - 1725[\epsilon_6, [\epsilon_6, \epsilon_4]].$$
(2.42c)

We have tested that these relations are preserved by the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$ , e.g.

$$R_{\vec{\eta}}([\epsilon_{10},\epsilon_4] - 3[\epsilon_8,\epsilon_6]) := [R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{10}), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_4)] - 3[R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_8), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_6)] = 0.$$
(2.43)

Similarly, the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  at  $n \leq 5$  points have been checked to preserve various generalisations of (2.42) that can be downloaded from [81]:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>Reference [39] deals with open-string amplitudes and features operators  $r_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  that agree with  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  for  $k \neq 0$ . The difference for  $\epsilon_0$  is that  $r_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)$  contains an additional term proportional to  $\zeta_2$  but does not contain the term  $\sim \bar{\eta}_j \partial_{\eta_j}$  of  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)$ .

- relations among  $[\epsilon_{k_1}, \epsilon_{k_2}]$  at  $k_1+k_2 \leq 30$  and n=2,3,4 as well as  $k_1+k_2 \leq 18$  and n=5,
- relations among  $[\epsilon_{\ell_1}, [\epsilon_{\ell_2}, \epsilon_{\ell_3}]]$  at  $\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3 \leq 30$  and n = 2, 3, 4,
- relations among  $[\epsilon_{p_1}, [\epsilon_{p_2}, [\epsilon_{p_3}, \epsilon_{p_4}]]]$  at  $p_1+p_2+p_3+p_4 \leq 26$ , n = 2, 3 as well as (partially relying on numerical methods)  $p_1+p_2+p_3+p_4 \leq 18$ , n = 4

We will see in section 6.2 that relations like (2.42) will play a key role in the counting of independent MGFs at given modular weights in their lattice-sum representation (2.16), in the same way as they did for the counting of elliptic MZVs [41].

Even though the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  satisfy the derivation-algebra relations (at least to the orders checked), their instances at given multiplicity n are not a faithful representation of the derivation algebra. In other words, they can also satisfy more relations at fixed n. For instance, the two-point example (2.32) implies that all  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_k)$  for  $k \ge 4$  at n = 2commute which is stronger than (2.42). As we shall use compositions of the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  in the rest of the paper to solve (2.33), this means that their coefficients only occur in specific linear combinations in low-point results. This will lead to multiplicity-specific dropouts of MGFs in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  at fixed n, in the same way as four-point closed-string tree-level amplitudes do not involve any MZVs of depth  $\ge 2$ .

#### **3** Solving differential equations for generating series

The goal of this section is to derive the form of the all-order  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  integrals (2.8) from their differential equation (2.33). As a first step we will rewrite the differential equation in a slightly different form using relations in the derivation algebra. This improved differential equation will allow for a formal solution whose properties we discuss in this section. In the next sections we make the formal solution fully explicit at certain orders by exploiting the reality properties of two- and three-point integrals.

#### 3.1 Improving the differential equation

Given that the differential equation (2.33) is linear and of first order in  $\tau$ , it is tempting to solve it (up to antiholomorphic integration ambiguities) formally by line integrals over  $\tau$ . In particular, the appearance of  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k-2} G_k(\tau)$  on the right-hand side will introduce iterated integrals over holomorphic Eisenstein series in a formal solution. However, the differential equation features singular terms  $\sim (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{-2}$  that do not immediately line up with Brown's iterated Eisenstein integrals over  $\tau^j G_k(\tau)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \ldots, k-2$  with well-studied modular transformations [48].

Therefore we first strive to remove the singular term  $\sim (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{-2}$  in (2.33) that does not have any accompanying Eisenstein series  $G_{k\geq 4}$ . This can be done by performing the invertible redefinition<sup>15</sup>

$$\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})}\right)Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \exp\left(\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right)Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right)\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} ,$$

$$(3.1)$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>We are grateful to Nils Matthes and Erik Panzer for discussions that led to this redefinition.

where the matrix multiplication w.r.t. the second index of  $Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}(\sigma|\rho)$  is suppressed for ease of notation.<sup>16</sup> The redefined integrals obey a modified version of (2.33)

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (1-k) \mathcal{G}_k(\tau) (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k-2} e^{-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i (\tau - \bar{\tau})}} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k) e^{\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i (\tau - \bar{\tau})}} \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} , \qquad (3.2)$$

where now the term without holomorphic Eisenstein series is absent and the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  are conjugated by exponentials of  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)$ . By the relations (2.41) in the derivation algebra, the exponentials along with a fixed  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  truncate to a finite number of terms,

$$e^{-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})}}R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)e^{\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})}} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{1}{j!} \left(\frac{-1}{2\pi i(\tau-\bar{\tau})}\right)^j R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j(\epsilon_k)), \qquad (3.3)$$

where we use the following shorthands here and below

$$R_{\vec{\eta}}\left(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_{0}}^{j}(\epsilon_{k})\right) := \mathrm{ad}_{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{0})}^{j} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k}), \qquad R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k_{1}}\epsilon_{k_{2}}) := R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k_{1}}) R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k_{2}}). \tag{3.4}$$

Hence, the differential equation (3.2) simplifies to

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (1-k) \mathcal{G}_k(\tau) \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{1}{j!} \left(\frac{-1}{2\pi i}\right)^j (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k-2-j} R_{\vec{\eta}} \left(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j(\epsilon_k)\right) \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \,. \tag{3.5}$$

Now, the operator on the right-hand side is manifestly free of singular terms in  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})$ , and the sum over k starts at k = 4. All the integration kernels in this differential equation are of the form  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})^j G_k(\tau)$  with  $k \ge 4$  and  $0 \le j \le k-2$ . Hence, our kernels line up with those of Brown's holomorphic and single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals [46, 48, 49].

#### **3.2** Formal expansion of the solution

The form (3.5) bodes well for a representation in terms of  $\hat{Y}^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$  as an (iterated) line integral from  $\tau$  to some reference point that we take to be the cusp at  $\tau \to i\infty$ . In particular, the differential equation contains no negative powers of  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})$  or  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$ , and this property will propagate to the solution  $\hat{Y}^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$ , see section 3.4 for further details. The original integrals  $Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$ , in turn, involve combinations of MGFs with negative powers of y from their Laurent polynomials  $c_{m,n}(\operatorname{Im} \tau)$  in (2.27). The absence of negative powers of y in  $\hat{Y}^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$  is a crucial difference as compared to  $Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$  and is due to the redefinition (3.1). We shall later make this more manifest when we discuss explicit examples obtained from low-point amplitudes.

A formal solution of (3.5), that also exposes the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the integrals, is given by the series

$$\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,k_\ell\\=4,6,8,\dots\\=4,6,8,\dots\\}} \sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1-2} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2-2} \dots \sum_{j_\ell=0}^{k_\ell-2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j_i}(k_i-1)}{(k_i-j_i-2)!} \right) \mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \dots & j_\ell\\k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} \\
\times R_{\vec{\eta}} \Big( \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell-j_\ell-2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots \, \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_2-j_2-2}(\epsilon_{k_2}) \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1-j_1-2}(\epsilon_{k_1}) \Big) \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty},$$
(3.6)

<sup>16</sup>More explicitly,  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}} \exp\left(\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right)_{\rho}{}^{\alpha}Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\alpha).$ 

if the  $\tau$ -dependent constituents solve the initial-value problem

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = -(2\pi i)^{2-k_\ell + j_\ell} (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{j_\ell} \mathcal{G}_{k_\ell}(\tau) \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{\ell-1} \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_{\ell-1} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.7a)$$

$$\lim_{\tau \to i\infty} \mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$
(3.7b)

The vanishing at the cusp here is understood in terms of a regularised limit that will be discussed in more detail in section 3.4 and is akin to the method of 'tangential-base-point regularisation' introduced in [48]. Its net effect can be summarised by assigning  $\int_{i\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' = \tau$  which regularises the  $\tau \to i\infty$  limit of all (strictly) positive powers of  $\tau$  and  $\bar{\tau}$  to zero (in the absence of negative powers) and hence  $\lim_{\tau \to i\infty} (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^n = 0$  for all n > 0.

The parameter  $\ell$  in (3.6) will be referred to as 'depth', and we define at depth zero that  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[;\tau] = 1$ . Since the sums over the  $k_i$  start at  $k_i = 4$ , and all the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k\geq 4})$  in (2.32), (2.34) and appendix B are linear in  $s_{ij}$ , the depth- $\ell$  contributions to (3.6) involve at least  $\ell$  powers of  $\alpha'$ . As we will see, any order in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the component integrals (2.11) can be obtained from a finite number of terms in (3.6) on the basis of elementary operations. Like this, the relation (3.6) reduces the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the generating series  $\hat{Y}^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$  to the way more tractable problem of determining the initial values  $\hat{Y}^{i\infty}_{\vec{\eta}}$  and the objects  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ :

- The initial values  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  at the cusp are series in  $\eta_i, \bar{\eta}_i, s_{ij}$  whose coefficients should be  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combinations of single-valued MZVs from genus-zero sphere integrals [51]. We shall give a closed formula at two points in section 4.1. Given that  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  at higher points are still under investigation [51], we shall here use MGF techniques to determine the initial data at three points to certain orders, see section 5. As will be detailed in section 3.4, we exploit the absence of negative powers of y in the expansion of  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  around the cusp to extract a well-defined initial value  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$ .
- The objects  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  are partly determined by the differential equations (3.7) but, since the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  are non-holomorphic, the  $\partial_{\tau}$  derivative is not sufficient to determine them: as will be detailed in section 3.5, one can add antiholomorphic functions of  $\bar{\tau}$  that vanish at the cusp at every step in their iterative construction. The analysis in [30] also provides a differential equation for the  $\partial_{\bar{\tau}}$ -derivative of Y, see (2.37). However, we shall be able to determine the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  from the reality properties (2.15) of the component integrals, i.e. without making recourse to the differential equation with respect to  $\partial_{\bar{\tau}}$ .

As we shall see in the next section, it turns out to be useful for expressing the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  rather than the  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to redefine the  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  into specific linear combinations that satisfy differential equations that are advantageous for the analysis. The notation  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  is chosen due to the similarity to holomorphic and single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals defined by Brown and obeying similar first-order differential equations [46, 48, 49]. Explicit expressions for the  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  in terms of holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates will be given in section 3.5 below, where we also address the issue of the integration constants.

#### 3.3 Solution for the original integrals

Our original goal was to expand the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ -integrals (2.8) in  $\alpha'$ . In order to translate the formal solution (3.6) for the redefined integrals  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to the original ones  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  we have to invert the exponentials in (3.1). In the first place, this introduces the exponential in the second line of the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (3.6)

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,k_\ell \\ =4,6,8,\dots}} \sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1-2} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2-2} \dots \sum_{j_\ell=0}^{k_\ell-2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j_i}(k_i-1)}{(k_i-j_i-2)!} \right) \mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; \tau \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.8)  
 
$$\times \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right) R_{\vec{\eta}} (\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell-j_\ell-2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_2-j_2-2}(\epsilon_{k_2}) \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1-j_1-2}(\epsilon_{k_1})) \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$$

that we then commute through adjoint derivation operators to act on the value  $\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  at the cusp. This amounts to conjugating the  $\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_i-j_i-2}(\epsilon_{k_i})$  via

$$\exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right)R_{\vec{\eta}}\left(\operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k-j-2}(\epsilon_k)\right)\exp\left(\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right) = \sum_{p=0}^{j}\frac{1}{p!}\left(-\frac{1}{4y}\right)^p R_{\vec{\eta}}\left(\operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k-j+p-2}(\epsilon_k)\right).$$
(3.9)

The modified powers of  $\operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}$  regroup the  $\mathcal{E}^{\operatorname{sv}}$  into the combination

$$\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{p_1=0}^{k_1-j_1-2} \sum_{p_2=0}^{k_2-j_2-2} \dots \sum_{p_\ell=0}^{k_\ell-j_\ell-2} \binom{k_1-j_1-2}{p_1} \binom{k_2-j_2-2}{p_2} \dots \binom{k_\ell-j_\ell-2}{p_\ell} \times \left(\frac{1}{4y}\right)^{p_1+p_2+\dots+p_\ell} \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1+p_1 & j_2+p_2 & \dots & j_\ell+p_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.10)

with  $0 \le j_i \le k_i - 2$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}[; \tau] = 1$ , i.e. the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (3.8) can be compactly rewritten as

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,k_\ell \\ =4,6,8,\dots}} \sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1-2} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2-2} \dots \sum_{j_\ell=0}^{k_\ell-2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j_i}(k_i-1)}{(k_i-j_i-2)!} \right) \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; \tau \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.11)  
 
$$\times R_{\vec{\eta}} \left( \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell-j_\ell-2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots & \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_2-j_2-2}(\epsilon_{k_2}) \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1-j_1-2}(\epsilon_{k_1}) \right) \exp\left( -\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y} \right) \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty} .$$

This is the formal solution of the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  of worldsheet integrals. As we reviewed in section 2.3, the component integrals appearing in the Laurent expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  with respect to the  $\eta_i$  variables can be represented in terms of MGFs. Hence, (3.11) results in a representation of arbitrary MGFs in terms of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and the ingredients of  $\exp(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y})\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  — conjecturally  $\mathbb{Q}[y^{-1}]$ -linear combinations of single-valued MZVs. We stress that by this, all the relations among MGFs [4, 5, 9, 13] will be automatically exposed in view of the linear-independence result on holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals of [82].

#### 3.3.1 Properties of $\beta^{sv}$

The simplest examples of the relation (3.10) at depths one and two read

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{p_1=0}^{k_1-j_1-2} \binom{k_1-j_1-2}{p_1} \left(\frac{1}{4y}\right)^{p_1} \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1+p_1\\k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.12)$$

$$\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau = \sum_{p_1=0}^{k_1-j_1-2} \sum_{p_2=0}^{k_2-j_2-2} \binom{k_1-j_1-2}{p_1} \binom{k_2-j_2-2}{p_2} \left(\frac{1}{4y}\right)^{p_1+p_2} \mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1+p_1 & j_2+p_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau = \sum_{p_1=0}^{k_1-j_1-2} \sum_{p_2=0}^{k_2-j_2-2} \binom{k_1-j_1-2}{p_1} \binom{k_2-j_2-2}{p_2} \binom{k_1-j_2-2}{p_2} \binom{k_1-j_2-2}{p_2} \binom{k_2-j_2-2}{p_2} \binom{k_1-j_2-2}{p_2} \binom{k_2-j_2-2}{p_2} \binom{k_$$

One can straightforwardly invert the map between  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  and  $\beta^{sv}$  at any depth  $\ell$ 

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{p_1=0}^{k_1-j_1-2} \sum_{p_2=0}^{k_2-j_2-2} \dots \sum_{p_\ell=0}^{k_\ell-j_\ell-2} \binom{k_1-j_1-2}{p_1} \binom{k_2-j_2-2}{p_2} \dots \binom{k_\ell-j_\ell-2}{p_\ell} \\ \times \left(-\frac{1}{4y}\right)^{p_1+p_2+\dots+p_\ell} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1+p_1 & j_2+p_2 & \dots & j_\ell+p_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} .$$
(3.13)

From (3.10) and (3.7) one can check that the differential equations obeyed by the  $\beta^{sv}$  is

$$-4\pi\nabla\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (k_i - j_i - 2)\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{i-1} & j_i + 1 & j_{i+1} & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_{i-1} & k_i & k_{i+1} & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} + \delta_{j_\ell, k_\ell - 2} (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k_\ell} \mathbf{G}_{k_\ell}(\tau) \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{\ell-1} \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_{\ell-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.14)$$

where we have used the differential operator  $\nabla$  defined in (2.20) as it has a nice action on the MGFs appearing in the component integrals. Compared to (3.7), the differential equation produces holomorphic Eisenstein series only when the last pair  $(j_{\ell}, k_{\ell})$  of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  obeys  $j_{\ell} = k_{\ell} - 2$ . As the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  are linear combinations of the  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ , the boundary condition for the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  is still that

$$\lim_{\tau \to i\infty} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = 0, \qquad (3.15)$$

again in the sense of a regularised limit. As was the case for the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ , the  $\partial_{\tau}$  derivative (3.14) and the boundary condition are not sufficient to determine the  $\beta^{sv}$  but the reality properties of the component Y-integrals will resolve the integration ambiguities.

At depths one and two the differential equation (3.14) specialises as follows

$$-4\pi\nabla\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1 \\ \vdots \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} = (k_1 - j_1 - 2)\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 + 1\\k_1 \\ \vdots \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} - \delta_{j_1,k_1 - 2}(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k_1} \mathbf{G}_{k_1}(\tau) , \qquad (3.16a)$$
$$-4\pi\nabla\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1\\k_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} = (k_1 - j_1 - 2)\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_{1+1}\\k_1\\k_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} + (k_2 - j_2 - 2)\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1\\k_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} + \delta_{j_2,k_2 - 2}(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{k_2} \mathbf{G}_{k_2}(\tau)\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1 \\ \vdots \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} . \qquad (3.16b)$$

#### 3.3.2 Constraints from the derivation algebra

The relations of the derivation algebra such as (2.43) imply that, starting from  $\sum_i k_i \ge 14$ , not all  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  and  $\beta^{sv}$  appear individually in the expansion of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ but only certain linear combinations can arise. We currently do not have an independent definition of all  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ ,  $\beta^{sv}$  and such a definition is not needed for the component integrals in this paper that conjecturally cover all closed-string one-loop amplitudes.

The simplest instance where the derivation-algebra relation (2.43) yields allmultiplicity dropouts of certain  $\beta^{sv}$  is in the weight-14 part of the expansion (3.11)

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \left[ \dots + 27\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2\\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{4}\epsilon_{10}) + 27\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8\\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{10}\epsilon_{4}) + 35\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4\\ 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{6}\epsilon_{8}) + 35\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6\\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{8}\epsilon_{6}) + \dots \right] \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{0})}{4y}\right) \hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty} = \left[ \dots + \left\{ 27\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2\\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 27\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8\\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{4}\epsilon_{10}) + \left\{ 35\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4\\ 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 81\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8\\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{6}\epsilon_{8}) + \left\{ 35\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6\\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + 81\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8\\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\} R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{8}\epsilon_{6}) + \dots \right] \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{0})}{4y}\right) \hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}, \quad (3.17)$$

where we have solved (2.43) for  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{10}\epsilon_4)$  in the second step. This shows that only a threedimensional subspace of the four-dimensional span  $\langle \beta^{\text{sv}}[{8 \ 2 \ 10 \ 4}], \beta^{\text{sv}}[{2 \ 8 \ 6}], \beta^{\text{sv}}[{6 \ 6 \ 6}] \rangle$ is realised by the generating series (3.11). The manipulations in (3.17) can be repeated for contributions to  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  with  $ad_{\epsilon_0}^j$  acting on the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_4), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{10}), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_6), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_8)$ . This implies similar dropouts among the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}[{j_1 \ j_2 \ 10 \ 4}], \beta^{\text{sv}}[{j_1 \ j_2 \ 4} \ 10}], \beta^{\text{sv}}[{j_1 \ j_2 \ 8} \ 6}], \beta^{\text{sv}}[{j_1 \ j_2 \ 8} \ 6}]$  at all values of  $j_1+j_2 \leq 10$  and modifies the counting of MGFs at various modular weights, see section 6.2.4 for details.

#### 3.4 Improved initial data and consistent truncations

In this section, we illustrate the usefulness of the redefinition (3.1) from  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  further by discussing how it acts on and improves the initial data at the cusp  $\tau \to i\infty$  that is contained in the Laurent polynomial defined in (2.27). In this context, we also discuss practical aspects of extracting information on the component integrals by truncating the series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to specific orders in  $s_{ij}$ ,  $\eta_i$  and  $\bar{\eta}_i$ .

#### 3.4.1 Behaviour of generating series near the cusp

Another virtue of the redefinition (3.1) is that  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  is better behaved at the cusp than  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . While the Laurent polynomial of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  is known to feature both positive and negative powers of  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$  (see e.g. (2.28) for Laurent polynomials of MGFs in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion), we shall see that the Laurent polynomial of  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  only has non-negative powers. In order to define an initial value supplementing the differential equations, we will take a regularised limit of the Laurent polynomial with the convention to discard strictly positive powers of y as  $\tau \to i\infty$ .<sup>17</sup>

However, such a regularised limit leads to inconsistencies with products such as  $1 = y^n \cdot y^{-n}$ , n > 0 when both positive and negative powers are present. This problem is relevant to  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  but not to  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ , where negative powers of y are absent. While their absence is not immediately obvious from the redefinition, we have already remarked above that it can be understood from the differential equations as we shall now explain in more detail.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>One can think of this regularised limit as realising the  $\tau \to i\infty$  limit of integrals  $\int_{i\infty}^{\tau}$  that remove strictly positive powers of Im  $\tau$  through their tangential-base-point regularisation [48].

The differential equation (3.5) relates  $\partial_{\tau} \hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to products  $G_k(\tau)(\tau-\bar{\tau})^{k-2-j}$  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j(\epsilon_k))\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  with  $k \geq 4$  and  $j \leq k-2$ . The lowest explicit power of  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$  is therefore  $y^0$  and in general only non-negative powers arise since  $G_k$  is holomorphic in  $\tau$  and the derivations  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j(\epsilon_k))$  do not depend on  $\tau$  at all. The differential equation is therefore consistent with  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  having only non-negative powers of y.

We note that the differential operator on the left-hand side of (3.5) lowers the y-power via  $\partial_{\tau} y^{-m} = -my^{-m-1}$  and therefore the presence of any negative power  $y^{-m}$  in  $\hat{Y}^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$ requires the presence of even more negative powers by the differential equation.<sup>18</sup> This is even true at any fixed order in the Mandelstam variables  $s_{ij}$  and the parameters  $\bar{\eta}_i$  since any operator on the right-hand side of (3.5) is either linear in  $s_{ij}$  or in  $\bar{\eta}_i$  by looking at the expressions in section 2.4.

From the argument above we could still allow for an infinite series of negative powers in y appearing in  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . To rule this out we consider the component integrals arising in the original generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  defined in (2.8). The integrands of the *n*-point component integrals (2.11) have negative powers of y bounded by  $y^{\geq -(a+b)}$  at the order of  $s_{ij}^a \bar{\eta}_i^{b-n+1}$ . This bound follows from the fact that Green functions and  $f^{(k)}$  or  $\overline{f^{(k)}}$  contribute at most  $y^{-1}$  and  $y^{-k}$ , respectively, as can for instance be seen from their lattice-sum representations (A.2).<sup>19</sup> Moreover, this bound is uniformly valid at all orders in  $\eta_j$  since the latter are introduced in the combinations  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})\eta_i$  by the Kronecker-Eisenstein integrands in (2.8). Finally, the bound of  $y^{\geq -(a+b)}$  at the order of  $s_{ij}^a \bar{\eta}_i^{b-n+1}$  can be transferred from  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ since they are related by the exponential of  $\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{y}$  and the derivation in the numerator is linear in  $(s_{ij}, \bar{\eta}_i)$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  does not contain any negative powers of y at any order in its  $\alpha'$ -expansion.

On these grounds, we define the initial value by the regularised limit,

$$\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty} = \hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \left|_{q^0 \bar{q}^0} \right|_{y^0}, \qquad (3.18)$$

which does not suffer from inconsistencies caused by products involving negative powers of y.

#### 3.4.2 Expansion and truncation of initial data

The absence of negative powers of y in the Laurent polynomials of  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  can also be verified explicitly in examples at fixed order in the expansion variables. In practice, this is done by imposing cutoffs on the powers of  $s_{ij}, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j$  in the expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  or  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . We will make our scheme of cutoffs more transparent by defining the *order* of a series in  $\eta_i \ \bar{\eta}_i$  and  $s_{ij}$ through the assignment

$$\operatorname{order}(\eta_i) = 1$$
,  $\operatorname{order}(\bar{\eta}_i) = 1$ ,  $\operatorname{order}(s_{ij}) = 2$ . (3.19)

<sup>18</sup>Since the derivative of a constant vanishes, this argument does not connect positive to negative powers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>In terms of the lattice sums, factors of  $p = m\tau + n$  or  $\bar{p} = m\bar{\tau} + n$  both count as a factor of y when approaching the cusp as  $\text{Re}\,\tau$  does not matter there. Inspecting the powers of p and  $\bar{p}$  in the lattice-sum representations (A.2) of the Green function and  $f^{(k)}$  or  $\overline{f^{(k)}}$  leads to the claim. An alternative way of seeing this for  $f^{(k)}$  is to note from (2.1) that the cuspidal behaviour receives contributions from the exponential prefactor  $\exp(2\pi i \eta \frac{\text{Im}\,z}{\ln \tau})$ , and the order of  $\eta^{k-1}$  is thus accompanied by up to k inverse powers of y. For the Green function one may also inspect its explicit Laurent polynomial given for example in [2, eq. (2.15)].

More precisely, the order of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  is counted relative to the most singular term of homogeneity degree  $\eta_j^{1-n}\bar{\eta}_j^{1-n}$  to make sure that the  $\alpha' \to 0$  limit of the plain Koba-Nielsen integrals  $Y_{(0,\dots,0|0,\dots,0)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = (\prod_{j=2}^{n} \int \frac{d^2 z_j}{\mathrm{Im} \tau}) \mathrm{KN}_n^{\tau} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$  has order zero. The assignment (3.19) is consistent with a counting of (inverse) lattice momenta: every factor of  $\eta_i$  or  $\bar{\eta}_i$  corresponds to an inverse momentum according to (A.2) while  $s_{ij}$  always appears together with a Green function that contains two inverse momenta.

The notion of order in (3.19) ensures that  $\operatorname{order}(R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)) = 0$  by inspection of its explicit form in section 2.4, i.e. that the operator  $\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}$  in the exponential preserves the order of an expression. As we have shown above,  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  does not have any negative powers of y at any order in the sense of (3.19) and, at the same time, it has bounded positive powers of y at each order by inspection of the component integrals. Since  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  has a bounded negative power of y at any order, this implies that the exponential  $\exp(\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y})$  entering the redefinition (3.1) terminates to a polynomial at any fixed order.

For instance, in the case of two points, (3.18) results in the following initial data

$$\begin{split} \widehat{Y}_{\eta}^{i\infty} &= \frac{1}{\bar{\eta}} \bigg\{ \frac{1}{\eta} \bigg[ 1 + \frac{1}{6} s_{12}^{3} \zeta_{3} + \frac{43}{360} s_{12}^{5} \zeta_{5} \bigg] + \eta \bigg[ -2s_{12}\zeta_{3} - \frac{5}{3} s_{12}^{3} \zeta_{5} - \frac{1}{3} s_{12}^{4} \zeta_{3}^{2} \bigg] \\ &+ \eta^{3} \bigg[ -2s_{12}\zeta_{5} + 2s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{3}^{2} - \frac{7}{2} s_{12}^{3} \zeta_{7} \bigg] + \eta^{5} \big[ -2s_{12}\zeta_{7} + 4s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{3} \zeta_{5} \big] + \eta^{7} \big[ -2s_{12}\zeta_{9} \big] \bigg\} \\ &+ (2\pi i) \bigg\{ - \bigg[ \frac{1}{s_{12}} + \frac{s_{12}^{2}}{6} \zeta_{3} + \frac{43s_{12}^{4}}{360} \zeta_{5} \bigg] + \eta^{2} \bigg[ 2\zeta_{3} + \frac{5}{3} s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{5} + \frac{s_{12}^{3}}{3} \zeta_{3}^{2} \bigg] \\ &+ \eta^{4} \bigg[ 2\zeta_{5} - 2s_{12}\zeta_{3}^{2} + \frac{7}{2} s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{7} \bigg] + \eta^{6} \big[ 2\zeta_{7} - 4s_{12}\zeta_{3} \zeta_{5} \big] + \eta^{8} \big[ 2\zeta_{9} \big] \bigg\}$$
(3.20) 
$$&+ (2\pi i)^{2} \bar{\eta} \bigg\{ \frac{1}{\eta} \bigg[ \frac{s_{12}^{3} \zeta_{3}}{60} \bigg] - \eta \bigg[ \frac{s_{12}^{3} \zeta_{5}}{30} \bigg] \bigg\} - (2\pi i)^{3} \bar{\eta}^{2} \bigg\{ \bigg[ \frac{s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{3}}{60} \bigg] + \eta^{2} \bigg[ \frac{s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{5}}{30} \bigg] \bigg\} \\ &- (2\pi i)^{4} \bar{\eta}^{3} \bigg\{ \frac{1}{\eta} \bigg[ \frac{s_{12}^{3} \zeta_{3}}{1512} \bigg] \bigg\} + (2\pi i)^{5} \bar{\eta}^{4} \bigg\{ \bigg[ \frac{s_{12}^{2} \zeta_{3}}{1512} \bigg] \bigg\} + (\operatorname{terms of order} \ge 12) \,, \end{split}$$

where we have given all terms of the form  $\eta^{a-1}\bar{\eta}^{b-1}s_{12}^c$  up to the order  $a + b + 2c \leq 10$ . The above expression has been obtained from a general formula for the two-point Laurent polynomial that we shall present in (4.2) below and the expansion (3.20) is also available in machine-readable form in the supplementary material of this paper. When disregarding the  $(2\pi i)^k \bar{\eta}^{k-1}$ , the all-order expansion of  $\hat{Y}^{i\infty}_{\eta}$  features no MZVs other than  $\zeta^{\text{sv}}_k$ , in agreement with the results of [24, 28] on the terms  $\sim \eta^{-1}\bar{\eta}^{-1}$ .

At low orders, (3.20) can be crosschecked by analysing the MGFs in  $Y_{\eta}^{\tau}$ , inserting their Laurent polynomials in (2.28) and extracting the initial value according to (3.18). In both approaches, the redefinition (3.1) has been performed, the exponential  $\frac{R_{\eta}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}$  truncates to a polynomial and one can verify order by order that all negative *y*-powers are eliminated from the Laurent polynomials.

With the assignments in (3.19), the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j(\epsilon_k))$  in (3.4) have order k for any value of  $j = 0, 1, \ldots, k-2$ . This is evident from the explicit examples given in section 2.4 as well as appendix B and this is important for truncations of the formal solution of the differential equation to a fixed order. The expansions of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  to the *m*-th order can

be related by the truncation of the exponential  $\exp(\pm \frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}) \rightarrow \sum_{r=0}^{m} \frac{1}{r!} (\pm \frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y})^r$  when acting on the expansions.

Once the contributions of the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j_\ell}\epsilon_{k_\ell}\ldots\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j_1}\epsilon_{k_1})$  in (3.11) are computed to the order of  $k_1 + \ldots + k_\ell = m$ , one can access the component integrals  $Y_{(a_2,\ldots,a_n|b_2,\ldots,b_n)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  up to and including homogeneity degree  $\frac{1}{2}m - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{j=2}^{n}(a_j+b_j)$  in  $s_{ij}$ . Conversely, the  $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & \ldots & j_\ell\\ k_1 & \ldots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  appearing at homogeneity degree  $s_{ij}^w$  in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of  $Y_{(a_2,\ldots,a_n|b_2,\ldots,b_n)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  are bounded to feature  $k_1 + \ldots + k_\ell \leq 2w + \sum_{j=2}^{n}(a_j+b_j)$ .

The above bounds rely on the fact that, at n points, the order of the series  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  is bounded by the most singular term  $\eta_j^{1-n}\bar{\eta}_j^{1-n}$  exposed by the Kronecker-Eisenstein integrand in (2.8). At two points, for instance, the bound is saturated by the terms  $\hat{Y}_{\eta}^{i\infty} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\eta\bar{\eta}} - \frac{2\pi i}{s_{12}}$  without  $\zeta_{2k+1}$  in (3.20). Their three-point analogues are given by

$$\widehat{Y}_{\eta_{2},\eta_{3}}^{i\infty}(2,3|2,3) = \frac{1}{\eta_{23}\eta_{3}\bar{\eta}_{23}\bar{\eta}_{3}} - \frac{2\pi i}{\eta_{3}\bar{\eta}_{3}s_{12}} - \frac{2\pi i}{\eta_{23}\bar{\eta}_{23}s_{23}} + \left(\frac{1}{s_{12}} + \frac{1}{s_{23}}\right)\frac{(2\pi i)^{2}}{s_{123}} + \dots ,$$

$$\widehat{Y}_{\eta_{2},\eta_{3}}^{i\infty}(2,3|3,2) = \frac{1}{\eta_{23}\eta_{2}\bar{\eta}_{23}\bar{\eta}_{3}} + \frac{2\pi i}{\eta_{23}\bar{\eta}_{23}s_{23}} - \frac{(2\pi i)^{2}}{s_{23}s_{123}} + \dots$$

$$(3.21)$$

and permutations in 2  $\leftrightarrow$  3, where  $s_{123} = s_{12}+s_{13}+s_{23}$ , and all the terms in the ellipsis comprise MZVs and are higher order in the sense of (3.19). At four points, conjectural expressions for the MZV-free part of the  $\widehat{Y}_{\eta_2,\eta_3,\eta_4}^{i\infty}(2,3,4|\rho), \ \rho \in S_3$  can be found in appendix D.

#### 3.5 Real-analytic combinations of iterated Eisenstein integrals

In this section, we relate the objects we called  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  in (3.6) to iterated integrals over holomorphic Eisenstein series. We will use Brown's holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals subject to tangential-base-point regularisation [48],

$$\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_{1} & j_{2} & \dots & j_{\ell} \\ k_{1} & k_{2} & \dots & k_{\ell} \end{bmatrix} = -(2\pi i)^{1+j_{\ell}-k_{\ell}} \int_{i\infty}^{\tau} \mathrm{d}\tau' (\tau')^{j_{\ell}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{\ell}}(\tau') \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_{1} & j_{2} & \dots & j_{\ell-1} \\ k_{1} & k_{2} & \dots & k_{\ell-1} \end{bmatrix}; \tau' = (-1)^{\ell} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} (2\pi i)^{1+j_{i}-k_{i}} \right) \\ \times \int_{i\infty}^{\tau} \mathrm{d}\tau_{\ell} (\tau_{\ell})^{j_{\ell}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{\ell}}(\tau_{\ell}) \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_{\ell}} \mathrm{d}\tau_{\ell-1} (\tau_{\ell-1})^{j_{\ell-1}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{\ell-1}}(\tau_{\ell-1}) \\ \dots \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_{3}} \mathrm{d}\tau_{2} (\tau_{2})^{j_{2}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{2}}(\tau_{2}) \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_{2}} \mathrm{d}\tau_{1} (\tau_{1})^{j_{1}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{1}}(\tau_{1}), \qquad (3.22)$$

which can be expressed straightforwardly in terms of the iterated Eisenstein integrals  $\gamma_0(...)$  or  $\mathcal{E}_0(...)$  seen in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of open-string integrals [17, 38, 39, 41, 43], cf. appendix G. The holomorphic iterated integrals (3.22) obey the following differential equations and initial conditions

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = -(2\pi i)^{2-k_\ell + j_\ell} \tau^{j_\ell} \mathbf{G}_{k_\ell}(\tau) \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{\ell-1} \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_{\ell-1} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.23a)$$

$$\lim_{\tau \to i\infty} \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$
(3.23b)

These equations are similar to those of  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  in (3.7) but feature  $\tau^{j_{\ell}}G_{k_{\ell}}(\tau)$  in the place of  $(\tau - \overline{\tau})^{j_{\ell}}G_{k_{\ell}}(\tau)$ . The holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals (3.22) obey the standard shuffle identities

$$\mathcal{E}[A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\ell; \tau] \, \mathcal{E}[B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m; \tau] = \mathcal{E}[(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\ell) \sqcup (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m); \tau]$$
(3.24)

with respect to the combined letters  $A_i = {j_i \atop k_i}$ , e.g.  $\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_2$ 

It is tempting to define a solution to our differential equations (3.7) by starting from (3.22) and simply replacing the holomorphic integration kernels  $\tau^{j_{\ell}}G_{k_{\ell}}(\tau)$  by the non-holomorphic expressions  $(\tau - \bar{\tau})^{j_{\ell}}G_{k_{\ell}}(\tau)$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_{\ell} \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_{\ell} \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{\ell} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} (2\pi i)^{1+j_i-k_i} \right) \int_{i\infty}^{\tau} \mathrm{d}\tau_{\ell} (\tau_{\ell} - \bar{\tau})^{j_{\ell}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{\ell}} (\tau_{\ell})$$

$$\times \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_{\ell}} \mathrm{d}\tau_{\ell-1} (\tau_{\ell-1} - \bar{\tau})^{j_{\ell-1}} \mathrm{G}_{k_{\ell-1}} (\tau_{\ell-1}) \cdots \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_2} \mathrm{d}\tau_1 (\tau_1 - \bar{\tau})^{j_1} \mathrm{G}_{k_1} (\tau_1) .$$
(3.25)

Since  $\bar{\tau}$  is not the complex conjugate of the integration variables  $\tau_j$ , these integrals are homotopy invariant. We call (3.25) the *minimal solution* of (3.7), and it also obeys the standard shuffle relations (3.24) with  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$  in the place of  $\mathcal{E}$ . Binomial expansion of the integration kernels straightforwardly relates this minimal solution to the holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals (3.22)

$$\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \ j_2 \ \dots \ j_\ell \\ k_1 \ k_2 \ \dots \ k_\ell \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{r_1=0}^{j_1} \sum_{r_2=0}^{j_2} \dots \sum_{r_\ell=0}^{j_\ell} \binom{j_1}{r_1} \binom{j_2}{r_2} \dots \binom{j_\ell}{r_\ell} \begin{pmatrix} j_\ell \\ r_\ell \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\times (-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_\ell} \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1-r_1 \ j_2-r_2 \ \dots \ j_\ell-r_\ell \\ k_1 \ k_2 \ \dots \ k_\ell \end{bmatrix} ,$$
(3.26)

However, (3.6) is supposed to generate real-analytic modular forms such as  $E_k(\tau)$  in (2.18) and its Cauchy-Riemann derivatives, as e.g. (2.26). Hence, the minimal solutions (3.25) need to be augmented by antiholomorphic functions  $\overline{f \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}}$  that vanish at the cusp, and we shall solve (3.7) via

$$\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell\\k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell\end{cases}; \tau = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} \overline{f\begin{bmatrix}j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_i\\k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_i\end{cases}; \tau} \mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}}_{\min}\begin{bmatrix}j_{i+1} & \dots & j_\ell\\k_{i+1} & \dots & k_\ell\end{cases}; \tau$$
(3.27)

with  $\overline{f[;\tau]} = \mathcal{E}_{\min}^{\text{sv}}[;\tau] = 1$ . The functions  $\overline{f\begin{bmatrix}j_1 & \dots & j_\ell\\k_1 & \dots & k_\ell};\tau\end{bmatrix}}$  will be determined systematically by extracting the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the component integrals (2.11) and imposing their reality properties (2.15). In particular, these reality properties imply that the  $\overline{f}$  must be expressible in terms of antiholomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals (with Q-linear combinations of MZVs and powers of  $\overline{\tau}$  in its coefficients): referring back to (2.37), we see that the antiholomorphic derivative  $\partial_{\overline{\tau}}Y_{\overline{\eta}}^{\tau}$  contains only  $(\tau - \overline{\tau})^{-1}$  and the kernels  $\overline{G}_k$  of antiholomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals, thus excluding any other objects in  $\overline{f}$ .

#### 3.5.1 Depth one

As will be derived in detail in section 4.5, the appropriate choice of integration constants at depth  $\ell = 1$  is given by the purely antiholomorphic expression

$$\overline{f\left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1\\k_1 \end{smallmatrix}; \tau\right]} = \sum_{r_1=0}^{j_1} (-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{r_1} \binom{j_1}{r_1} (-1)^{j_1-r_1} \overline{\mathcal{E}\left[\begin{smallmatrix} j_1-r_1\\k_1 \end{smallmatrix}; \tau\right]} \,. \tag{3.28}$$

Hence, for  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  at depth one, we obtain,

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{r_1=0}^{j_1} (-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{r_1} \binom{j_1}{r_1} \left( \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1-r_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \right] + (-1)^{j_1-r_1} \overline{\mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1-r_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau} \right), \qquad (3.29)$$

where the contributions  $\sim (-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{r_1} \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 - r_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}$  match the minimal solution (3.26) while the additional terms are due to (3.28). Such expressions should be contained in Brown's generating series of single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals [46, 48, 49], and similar objects have been discussed in [83] as building blocks for a single-valued map at depth one. The reality properties of our component integrals yield an independent construction of (3.29) that will be detailed in section 4.5.

The simplest instances of (3.29) are given by

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] = \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau]}, \\
\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4};\tau] = \mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4};\tau] - \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4};\tau]} + (-2\pi i \bar{\tau}) \left( \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau]} \right), \quad (3.30) \\
\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4};\tau] = \mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{4};\tau]} + 2(-2\pi i \bar{\tau}) \left( \mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4};\tau] - \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4};\tau]} \right) \\
+ (-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{2} \left( \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau]} \right), \quad (3.30) \\$$

and it is easy to check from (3.23) that  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\4 \end{bmatrix}$  at j = 0, 1, 2 satisfy (3.7). As the holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals (and their complex conjugates) are homotopy-invariant, these expressions represent well-defined real-analytic functions, and one can straightforwardly obtain their  $(q, \bar{q})$ -expansion from the methods of appendix G.1.

#### 3.5.2 Depth two

We next elaborate on the general form of the depth-two  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ . Starting from the minimal solution (3.26), the reality properties of the component integrals dictate the following integration constant at depth  $\ell = 2$ 

$$\overline{f\begin{bmatrix}j_1 & j_2\\k_1 & k_2\end{bmatrix}};\tau = \sum_{r_1=0}^{j_1} \sum_{r_2=0}^{j_2} (2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{r_1+r_2} (-1)^{j_1+j_2} \binom{j_1}{r_1} \binom{j_2}{r_2} \overline{\mathcal{E}} \begin{bmatrix}j_2-r_2 & j_1-r_1\\k_2 & k_1\end{bmatrix};\tau + \overline{\alpha} \begin{bmatrix}j_1 & j_2\\k_1 & k_2\end{bmatrix};\tau$$
(3.31)

where  $\overline{\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix}j_2-r_2&j_1-r_1\\k_2&k_1\end{bmatrix}}$  and  $\overline{\alpha\begin{bmatrix}j_1&j_2\\k_1&k_2\end{bmatrix}}$ ;  $\tau$  are purely antiholomorphic and individually vanish at the cusp in the regularised limit  $\tau \to i\infty$ . Together with the depth-one expression (3.28),

the decomposition (3.27) into  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$  then implies

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau = \sum_{r_1=0}^{j_1} \sum_{r_2=0}^{j_2} (-2\pi i \bar{\tau})^{r_1+r_2} {j_1 \choose r_1} {j_2 \choose r_2} \\ \times \left\{ \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_1-r_1 & j_2-r_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + (-1)^{j_1-r_1} \overline{\mathcal{E}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1-r_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \right] \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} j_2-r_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + (-1)^{j_1+j_2-r_1-r_2} \overline{\mathcal{E}} \begin{bmatrix} j_2-r_2 & j_1-r_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \right], \quad (3.32)$$

where the first term is the minimal solution (3.26). We expect similar expressions to follow from Brown's generating series of single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals [46, 48, 49]. Moreover, the first two lines of (3.32) with lower-depth corrected versions of  $\mathcal{E}, \overline{\mathcal{E}}$  and the need for further antiholomorphic corrections have featured in discussions about finding an explicit form of a single-valued map at depth two [83]. As we shall see in sections 4.5 and 5.4, the reality properties of our component integrals yield an independent construction of (3.32).

We have separated the two terms in (3.31) for the following reasons:

• The  $\overline{\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix}j_2-r_2&j_1-r_1\\k_2&k_1\end{bmatrix}}$  exhaust the antiholomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals at depth two within  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j_1&j_2\\k_1&k_2\end{bmatrix}; \tau$  which are necessary to satisfy the required reality properties. The  $\overline{\alpha}\begin{bmatrix}j_1&j_2\\k_1&k_2\end{bmatrix}; \tau$  in turn conjecturally comprise  $\zeta_{2k+1}$  and antiholomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals of depth one. They are determined on a case-by-case basis for  $(k_1, k_2) = (4, 4), (6, 4), (4, 6)$  in this paper, see (4.31) and (5.16), and we leave a general discussion for the future.

We also note that, since the derivation-algebra relations such as (2.42) imply that at higher weight only certain linear combinations of the  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  arise in the solution of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ , not all integration constants can be determined individually from the component integrals. For instance, (2.43) implies that certain linear combinations of  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $\tau \end{bmatrix}$  with  $(k_1, k_2) \in \{(10, 4), (4, 10), (8, 6), (6, 8)\}$  and  $j_i \leq k_i - 2$  do not occur in the expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and are inaccessible with the methods of this work.

• Even in absence of  $\overline{\alpha}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , the right-hand side of (3.32) is invariant under the modular *T*-transformation  $\tau \to \tau + 1$ . As will be argued in section 6.1 the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  must be *T*-invariant as well, so the unknown  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  need to be individually *T*-invariant (on top of being antiholomorphic and vanishing at the cusp).

An exemplary expression resulting from (3.32) is

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{0}_{4};\tau] = \mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{4};\tau]} \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{2}_{4};\tau]} \\
+ 2(-2\pi i\bar{\tau}) \left\{ \mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{0}_{4};\tau] - \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4};\tau]} \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] - \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{1}_{4};\tau]} \right\} \\
+ (-2\pi i\bar{\tau})^{2} \left\{ \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau]} \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau] + \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{0}_{4};\tau]} \right\} + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3} \left( \overline{\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4};\tau]} - \frac{i\pi\bar{\tau}}{360} \right), \quad (3.33)$$

where the last line corresponds to  $\overline{\alpha[{}^{2\,0}_{4\,4};\tau]}$  that will be determined in (4.31).

#### 3.5.3 Higher depth and shuffle

The  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  at depth  $\ell \geq 3$  will introduce additional antiholomorphic  $\overline{f \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}}$  that vanish at the cusp. These antiholomorphic integration constants will preserve the shuffle relations

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\ell; \tau] \, \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m; \tau] = \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\ell) \sqcup (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m); \tau]$$
(3.34)

analogous to those of the holomorphic counterparts (3.24). At depth two, the last terms of (3.32) are then constrained to obey  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1 \\ k_2 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ . We expect that the decomposition (3.27) of  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  is related to Brown's construction of single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals [46, 48, 49] by composing holomorphic and antiholomorphic generating series. A discussion of depth-( $\ell \geq 3$ ) instances and more detailed connections with the work of Brown are left to the future.

Given the expressions (3.29) and (3.32) for the simplest  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ , also the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  at depth  $\ell \leq 2$  can be reduced to iterated Eisenstein integrals via (3.10). More specifically, this completely determines the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  at depth one and fixes their depth-two examples up to the antiholomorphic and T-invariant  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  in (3.32). The latter will later be exemplified to comprise antiholomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals at depth one and powers of  $\bar{\tau}$ . Note that the relation (3.10) between  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  preserves the shuffle property and therefore

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\ell; \tau] \,\beta^{\rm sv}[B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m; \tau] = \beta^{\rm sv}[(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\ell) \sqcup (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m); \tau] \,.$$
(3.35)

#### 3.5.4 Expansion around the cusp

The expansion of the above  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  around the cusp takes the same form as that of MGFs in (2.27). Tangential-base-point regularisation of the holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals leads to the behaviour [48]

$$\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1 \\ \end{pmatrix}; \tau = \frac{B_{k_1}}{k_1!} \frac{(2\pi i\tau)^{j_1+1}}{j_1+1} + \mathcal{O}(q), \qquad (3.36)$$
$$\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1\\k_2 \\ \end{bmatrix}; \tau = \frac{B_{k_1}B_{k_2}}{k_1!k_2!} \frac{(2\pi i\tau)^{j_1+j_2+2}}{(j_1+1)(j_1+j_2+2)} + \mathcal{O}(q)$$

with Bernoulli numbers  $B_{k_i}$ . As a consequence of (3.29) and (3.32), the Laurent monomial at the order of  $q^0 \bar{q}^0$  in  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  at depth  $\leq 2$  can be given in closed form,

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{B_{k_1}}{k_1!} \frac{(-4y)^{j_1+1}}{j_1+1} + \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}), \qquad (3.37)$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}; \tau = \frac{B_{k_1}B_{k_2}}{k_1!k_2!} \frac{(-4y)^{j_1+j_2+2}}{(j_1+1)(j_1+j_2+2)} + \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}).$$

The  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  which are currently unknown at  $k_1 + k_2 \ge 12$  cannot contribute to the Laurent monomial since they need to be antiholomorphic, *T*-invariant and vanishing at the

cusp. Note that the regime (3.37) of  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  can be formally obtained from (3.36) for  $\mathcal{E}$  by replacing  $\tau \to \tau - \overline{\tau}$ , in line with the proposal for an elliptic single-valued map in [17].

The Laurent monomials of the  $\beta^{sv}$  at depth  $\leq 2$  resulting from (3.12) and (3.37) read

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{B_{k_1} j_1! (k_1 - 2 - j_1)! (-4y)^{j_1 + 1}}{k_1! (k_1 - 1)!} + \mathcal{O}(q, \bar{q}), \qquad (3.38a)$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{B_{k_1} B_{k_2} (j_1 + j_2 + 1)! (k_2 - 2 - j_2)! (-4y)^{j_1 + j_2 + 2}}{(j_1 + 1)k_1! k_2! (k_2 + j_1)!}$$
(3.38b)

$$\times {}_{3}F_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+j_{1}, 2+j_{1}+j_{2}, 2+j_{1}-k_{1} \\ 2+j_{1}, 1+j_{1}+k_{2} \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(q, \bar{q}) \,.$$

#### 4 Explicit forms at two points

In this section, we evaluate explicitly the generating function  $Y^{\tau}_{\eta}$  at two points up to order 10 and use this to determine several  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  that were introduced in the previous section. The starting point is an explicit determination of the Laurent polynomial to obtain the initial data  $\hat{Y}^{i\infty}_{\eta}$  for equation (3.11) where we present an all-order result for two points. By exploiting the reality properties of the resulting two-point component integrals, we can find the integration constants in various  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ .

#### 4.1 Laurent polynomials and initial data

The general idea is to obtain the initial data at n points by reducing the one-loop calculation in the degeneration limit  $\tau \to i\infty$  of the torus to an (n+2)-point tree-level calculation on the sphere.<sup>20</sup> At n = 2, mild generalisations of the techniques of [24, 28] lead to a closed formula involving the usual Virasoro-Shapiro four-point amplitude on the sphere,

$$\frac{\Gamma(1-a)\Gamma(1-b)\Gamma(1-c)}{\Gamma(1+a)\Gamma(1+b)\Gamma(1+c)} = \exp\left(2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{\zeta_{2k+1}}{2k+1}\left[a^{2k+1}+b^{2k+1}+c^{2k+1}\right]\right), \quad a+b+c=0.$$
(4.1)

Its specific combinations that generate the two-point Laurent polynomial of (2.7) can be written in the following form [51], using the shorthand  $\xi = \frac{i\pi\bar{\eta}}{2y}$ ,

$$\begin{split} Y_{\eta}^{\tau} \Big|_{q^{0}\bar{q}^{0}} &= i\pi \exp\left(\frac{s_{12}y}{3}\right) \Big\{ \Big[ \cot(2i\eta y) - i \Big] \Big[ \cot(\pi\bar{\eta}) + i \Big] \\ &\times \exp\left(\frac{s_{12}}{8y}\partial_{\eta}^{2}\right) \frac{1}{s_{12} + 2\eta + 2\xi} \Big[ \frac{\Gamma(1 + \frac{s_{12}}{2} + \eta + \xi)\Gamma(1 - s_{12})\Gamma(1 + \frac{s_{12}}{2} - \eta - \xi)}{\Gamma(1 - \frac{s_{12}}{2} + \eta + \xi)\Gamma(1 + s_{12})\Gamma(1 - \frac{s_{12}}{2} - \eta - \xi)} \\ &- e^{-y(s_{12} + 2\eta + 2\xi)} \Big] + \Big[ \cot(2i\eta y) + i \Big] \Big[ \cot(\pi\bar{\eta}) - i \Big] \\ &\times \exp\left(\frac{s_{12}}{8y}\partial_{\eta}^{2}\right) \frac{1}{s_{12} - 2\eta - 2\xi} \Big[ \frac{\Gamma(1 + \frac{s_{12}}{2} + \eta + \xi)\Gamma(1 - s_{12})\Gamma(1 + \frac{s_{12}}{2} - \eta - \xi)}{\Gamma(1 - \frac{s_{12}}{2} + \eta + \xi)\Gamma(1 + s_{12})\Gamma(1 - \frac{s_{12}}{2} - \eta - \xi)} \\ &- e^{-y(s_{12} - 2\eta - 2\xi)} \Big] - \frac{2}{s_{12}} \exp\left(\frac{s_{12}}{8y}\partial_{\eta}^{2}\right) \frac{\Gamma(1 + \frac{s_{12}}{2} + \eta + \xi)\Gamma(1 - s_{12})\Gamma(1 + \frac{s_{12}}{2} - \eta - \xi)}{\Gamma(1 - \frac{s_{12}}{2} + \eta + \xi)\Gamma(1 + s_{12})\Gamma(1 - \frac{s_{12}}{2} - \eta - \xi)} \Big\} . \end{split}$$

$$(4.2)$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>For open-string integrals over the A-cycle of the torus, the  $\tau \to i\infty$  limit at n points has been reduced to explicitly known combinations of (n+2)-point disk integrals in [38, 39].

By tracking the coefficients of  $\eta^{a-1}\bar{\eta}^{b-1}$ , this results in the Laurent polynomials of the component integrals  $Y^{\tau}_{(a|b)}$  defined in (2.9). Some exemplary instances are

$$\begin{split} Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} \left|_{q^{0}\bar{q}^{0}} &= 1 + s_{12}^{2} \left( \frac{y^{2}}{90} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{2y} \right) + s_{12}^{3} \left( \frac{y^{3}}{2835} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{6} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{8y^{2}} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{4} \left( \frac{y^{4}}{22680} + \frac{y\zeta_{3}}{36} + \frac{5\zeta_{5}}{12y} - \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}}{8y^{2}} + \frac{3\zeta_{7}}{32y^{3}} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{5} \left( \frac{y^{5}}{561330} + \frac{y^{2}\zeta_{3}}{324} + \frac{19\zeta_{5}}{144} + \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}}{12y} + \frac{7\zeta_{7}}{32y^{2}} - \frac{3\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{16y^{3}} + \frac{15\zeta_{9}}{128y^{4}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{6}) , \\ Y_{(2|0)}^{\tau} \left|_{q^{0}\bar{q}^{0}} &= s_{12} \left( \frac{4y^{3}}{45} - 2\zeta_{3} \right) + s_{12}^{2} \left( \frac{4y^{4}}{945} - \frac{\zeta_{5}}{y} \right) + s_{12}^{3} \left( \frac{2y^{5}}{2835} + \frac{y^{2}\zeta_{3}}{9} - \frac{5\zeta_{5}}{3} + \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}}{y} - \frac{9\zeta_{7}}{8y^{2}} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{4} \left( \frac{2y^{6}}{56133} + \frac{2y^{3}\zeta_{3}}{81} - \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}}{3} - \frac{7\zeta_{7}}{4y} + \frac{9\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{4y^{2}} - \frac{15\zeta_{9}}{8y^{3}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{5}) , \end{split}$$

$$\tag{4.3a}$$

$$Y_{(4|2)}^{\tau} \Big|_{q^0 \bar{q}^0} = -\frac{8y^4}{945} + \frac{2\zeta_5}{y} + s_{12} \left( -\frac{8y^5}{14175} + \frac{2y^2\zeta_3}{45} - \frac{2\zeta_3^2}{y} + \frac{45\zeta_7}{8y^2} \right) \\ + s_{12}^2 \left( -\frac{4y^6}{22275} - \frac{y\zeta_5}{30} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{2y} - \frac{45\zeta_3\zeta_5}{4y^2} + \frac{135\zeta_9}{8y^3} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^3),$$
(4.3c)

see appendix C.1 for similar expressions for the Laurent polynomials of  $Y_{(0|2)}^{\tau}, Y_{(4|0)}^{\tau}$  and  $Y_{(3|5)}^{\tau}$ . These expressions have been consistently expanded up to total order 10: according to the discussion around (3.19), two-point component integrals  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  are said to be expanded to the order 2k if the coefficients up to and including  $s_{12}^{k-(a+b)/2}$  are worked out.

As one can see clearly, the Laurent polynomials (4.3) of the  $Y_{\eta}^{\tau}$ -integrals contain negative powers of  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$ . Passing to  $\widehat{Y}_{\eta}^{\tau}$  via the redefinition (3.1), the negative powers of y disappear, and we extract the initial value already given in (3.20) from the zeroth power in y.

#### 4.2 Component integrals in terms of $\beta^{sv}$

Having obtained the initial value (3.20), we now need to apply the series of operators in (3.11) and extract the coefficients of  $\eta^{a-1}\bar{\eta}^{b-1}$  to identify the component integrals  $Y^{\tau}_{(a|b)}$ defined in (2.9). The two-point representation (2.32) of the derivation algebra is not faithful and realises fewer linear combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}[\vdots;\tau]$  as compared to the  $R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  at  $(n \geq 3)$ points: since the operators  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{k\geq 4})$  at two points are multiplicative  $(\partial_{\eta} \text{ only occurs in} R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{0}))$ , all the commutators  $[R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{k_{1}}), R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{k_{2}})]$  with  $k_{1}, k_{2} \geq 4$  vanish.

Given that  $[R_{\eta}(\epsilon_4), R_{\eta}(\epsilon_6)] = 0$ , for instance, only a restricted set of  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \tau \end{bmatrix}$  can be found in (3.11). In particular,  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ]$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ]$  do not show up individually but always appear in the symmetric combination  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ] + \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ] = \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ] \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ]$ . In order to determine all the  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \tau ]$  individually, we shall study three-point integrals and their reality properties in section 5.

Applying the operators in (3.11), we extract for example the following expressions for the simplest component integrals in terms of the initial data following from (4.2) and

$$\begin{split} Y_{(00)}^{\tau} &= 1 + s_{12}^{2} \left( -3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4};\tau] + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{2y} \right) + s_{12}^{3} \left( -5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau] + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{6} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{8y^{2}} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{4} \left( -21\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{3}{3};\tau] + 9\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4};\tau] - 18\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{4},0];\tau \right] \\ &+ 12\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{9}{4};\tau] - \frac{3\zeta_{3}}{2y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4};\tau] - 18\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},0];\tau \right] \\ &+ s_{12}^{5} \left( -135\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{4}{6};\tau] - 60\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{3}{6},0];\tau \right] + 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},0];\tau \right] + 5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{4},0];\tau \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{2}\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{4}{4};\tau] + \frac{6\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{9}{4};\tau] + 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},0];\tau \right] + 40\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{5}{6},\tau] - \frac{5\zeta_{3}}{2y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau] \\ &+ \frac{43\zeta_{5}}{360} + \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}}{12y} + \frac{7\zeta_{7}}{32y^{2}} - \frac{3\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{16y^{3}} + \frac{15\zeta_{9}}{128y^{4}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{6}), \end{split}$$
(4.4a) 
$$Y_{12(0)}^{\tau} = s_{12}(3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{4};\tau] - 9\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},2];\tau \right] + 27\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{4};\tau] \\ &- 18\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4};\tau] - 9\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},2];\tau \right] + 27\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{4},4];\tau \right] \\ &- 18\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4};\tau \right] - 30\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},\frac{3}{6};\tau \right] + 165\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},\frac{2}{6};\tau - 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},\frac{2}{6};\tau ] \right] \\ &+ s_{12}^{4} \left( 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},0];\tau \right] - 30\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},\frac{3}{6};\tau \right] + 110\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau - 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},\frac{2}{6};\tau ] \right] \\ &+ s_{12}^{4} \left( 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4},1];\tau \right) + \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{8y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{2};\tau - 110\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau - 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},\frac{2}{6};\tau ] \right] \\ &+ s_{12}^{4} \left( 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},1];\tau \right) - 8\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},\frac{2}{8y^{2}} \right) + s_{12}^{2} \left( 10\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{6},1];\tau \right] - \frac{5\zeta_{5}}{16y^{3}} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{3} \left( 63\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},1];\tau \right) - 9\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},1];\tau \right] - 110\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau - 1] - 5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau - 1] \\ &+ s_{12}^{3} \left( 63\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},1];\tau \right) - 9\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{4}{6},1];\tau \right] - \frac{5\zeta_{5}}{16y^{3}} - \frac{9\zeta_{7}}{12y} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{3} \left( 63\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},1];\tau \right] - 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{4}{6},\frac{2}{6},1] - \frac{5\zeta_{5}}{16y^{3}} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{3} \left( 63\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6},1];\tau \right] - 8\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau - 1] - 2\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6};\tau - 1$$

Further expansions of component integrals to order 10 can be found in appendix C.1.

#### $\beta^{\rm sv}$ versus modular graph forms 4.3

As exemplified by (2.26), the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of component integrals  $Y^{\tau}_{(a|b)}$  is expressible in terms of MGFs. By comparing the expansion of various component integrals in terms of MGFs with those in terms of the  $\beta^{sv}$  as derived above, we arrive at a dictionary between the two types of objects. More specifically, the two-point component integrals  $Y^{ au}_{(a|b)}$  are sufficient to express all  $\beta^{sv}$  at depth one and all depth-two  $\beta^{sv}$  with  $(k_1, k_2) = (4, 4)$  in terms of MGFs. Depth-two instances with  $(k_1, k_2) = (6, 4)$  or  $(k_1, k_2) = (4, 6)$  are not individually accessible at two points as explained at the beginning of section 4.2 and will be fixed from three-point considerations in section 5.

The resulting expressions one obtains in this way at depth one are<sup>21</sup>

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{4}^{0}] = -\frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{2}}{24y^{2}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{24y^{2}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{1}] = -\frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{3}}{240y^{2}} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{640y^{4}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{1}] = \frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{3}}{240y^{2}} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{160y^{3}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{4}^{1}] = -\frac{1}{6} E_{2} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{6y}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{2}] = -\frac{1}{30} E_{3} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{40y^{2}}, \qquad (4.5a)$$
$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{4}^{2}] = \frac{2}{3}\pi \nabla E_{2} + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{3}] = \frac{1}{15}\pi \nabla E_{3} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{10y}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{4}] = -\frac{4}{15}(\pi \nabla)^{2} E_{3} + \frac{2\zeta_{5}}{5}$$

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as well as

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^3_8] = -\frac{1}{140} \mathcal{E}_4 + \frac{\zeta_7}{224y^3}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^4_{10}] = -\frac{1}{630} \mathcal{E}_5 + \frac{\zeta_9}{1152y^4}, \qquad (4.5b)$$

and similar expressions for the remaining  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j\\8\end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j\\10\end{bmatrix}$  in terms of Cauchy-Riemann derivatives of  $E_4, E_5$  can be found in appendix C.2.

At depth two, we find the modular graph function  $E_{2,2}$  in (2.24a) and its derivatives:

$$\begin{split} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{(\pi \overline{\nabla} E_2)^2}{1152y^4} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \overline{\nabla} E_2}{576y^4} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{1152y^4} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{2,2}}{144y^2} - \frac{E_2 \pi \overline{\nabla} E_2}{144y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3 E_2}{144y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3}{2160} - \frac{5\zeta_5}{1728y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{288y^3}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{E_{2,2}}{18} + \frac{(\pi \overline{\nabla} E_2)\pi \nabla E_2}{36y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \nabla E_2}{36y^2} - \frac{5\zeta_5}{216y} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{72y^2}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{2,2}}{144y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \overline{\nabla} E_2}{144y^3} - \frac{\zeta_3}{2160} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{1728y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{288y^3}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{2,2}}{144y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \overline{\nabla} E_2}{144y^3} - \frac{\zeta_3}{2160} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{1728y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{288y^3}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{E_2^2}{72} - \frac{\zeta_3 E_2}{36y} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{72y^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2, \end{split}$$
(4.5c)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>We will no longer spell out the argument  $\tau$  of  $\beta^{sv}[\ldots]$  in (4.5) and later equations unless the argument is transformed. The same notation applies to  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}[\ldots]$  (which is real-analytic like the  $\beta^{sv}[\ldots]$ ) and the holomorphic quantities  $\mathcal{E}[\ldots], \alpha[\ldots], f[\ldots]$ .

$$\begin{split} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\pi \nabla E_{2,2}}{9} - \frac{E_2 \pi \nabla E_2}{9} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \nabla E_2}{9y} - \frac{5\zeta_5}{108} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{18y} \,, \\ \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{E_{2,2}}{18} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \overline{\nabla} E_2}{36y^2} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{216y} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{72y^2} \,, \\ \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\pi \nabla E_{2,2}}{9} - \frac{\zeta_3 E_2}{9} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{108} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{18y} \,, \\ \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{2(\pi \nabla E_2)^2}{9} + \frac{4\zeta_3 \pi \nabla E_2}{9} + \frac{2\zeta_3^2}{9} = \frac{1}{2} \big( \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \big)^2 \,. \end{split}$$

Similar expressions arise when the associated  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  are expressed in terms of MGFs via (3.13), see appendix E.2. From the expressions above one can verify the shuffle property (3.35) of the  $\beta^{sv}$  in a straightforward manner, e.g.

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4\,4}] + \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4\,4}] = \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}] \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}] . \tag{4.6}$$

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### 4.3.1 Modular graph forms in terms of $\beta^{sv}$

These relations can also be inverted to obtain expressions for the modular graph forms in terms of the  $\beta^{sv}$ . At depth one they are

$$\frac{(\pi \nabla)^{2} E_{3}}{y^{4}} = -960\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{2y^{4}}, 
\frac{\pi \nabla E_{2}}{y^{2}} = 24\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{y^{2}}, \qquad \qquad \frac{\pi \nabla E_{3}}{y^{2}} = 240\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{2y^{3}}, 
E_{2} = -6\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{y}, \qquad \qquad E_{3} = -30\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{4y^{2}}, \qquad (4.7a) 
\pi \nabla E_{2} = \frac{3}{2}\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\4 \end{bmatrix} - \zeta_{3}, \qquad \qquad \pi \nabla E_{3} = 15\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{2y}, 
(\pi \nabla)^{2} E_{3} = -\frac{15}{4}\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{2}$$

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as well as

$$E_4 = -140\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\8 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_7}{8y^3}, \qquad \qquad E_5 = -630\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{35\zeta_9}{64y^4} \qquad (4.7b)$$

and similar expressions for the Cauchy-Riemann derivatives of  $E_4$  and  $E_5$  given in appendix C.2. Inverting the depth-two relations (4.5c) leads to the shuffle-irreducible MGFs

$$\frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{2,2}}{y^2} = 144\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{24\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3}{15} - \frac{5\zeta_5}{12y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{2y^3},$$

$$E_{2,2} = -18\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 12\zeta_3\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{12y} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{4y^2},$$

$$\pi \nabla E_{2,2} = 9\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 6\zeta_3\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{5\zeta_5}{12} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{2y}.$$
(4.7c)

At two points, one can still derive expressions for the modular graph function  $E_{2,3}$  in (2.24b) and its Cauchy-Riemann derivatives:

$$\frac{(\pi\nabla)^{2} \mathcal{E}_{2,3}}{y^{4}} = -3840\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 7680\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 11520\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1280\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{160\zeta_{3}}{y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{72\zeta_{5}}{y^{3}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{8\zeta_{3}}{189} - \frac{2\zeta_{5}}{15y^{2}} + \frac{7\zeta_{7}}{8y^{4}} - \frac{3\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y^{5}},$$
$$\begin{split} \frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} \mathbf{E}_{2,3}}{y^2} &= 960\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 480\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 1440\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - 320\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{160\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{36\zeta_5}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5}{15y} - \frac{7\zeta_7}{8y^3} + \frac{3\zeta_3\zeta_5}{2y^4} , \\ \mathbf{E}_{2,3} &= -120\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 120\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{12\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 80\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_5}{36} \\ &\quad + \frac{7\zeta_7}{16y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3\zeta_5}{2y^3} , \\ \pi \nabla \mathbf{E}_{2,3} &= 90\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 60\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 30\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - 60\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - 12\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{6\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{7\zeta_7}{8y} + \frac{3\zeta_3\zeta_5}{2y^2} , \\ \pi \nabla )^2 \mathbf{E}_{2,3} &= -45\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 15\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 30\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + 30\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 12\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_5}{2y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{8} - \frac{3\zeta_3\zeta_5}{y} . \end{split}$$

However, we will need three-point input to solve for the individual  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  in terms of MGFs. In particular, we will fix the antiholomorphic integration constants  $\alpha\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\alpha\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  in section 5.

#### 4.3.2 Closed formulae at depth one

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As detailed in appendix C.3, one can compute the  $(s_{12} \rightarrow 0)$ -limit of the component integrals  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  with  $a+b \geq 4$  in closed form. By comparing the leading order of  $Y_{(k|k)}^{\tau}$  resulting from (3.11) with the lattice-sum representations (2.18) of non-holomorphic Eisenstein series, one obtains

$$\mathbf{E}_{k} = \frac{(2k-1)!}{[(k-1)!]^{2}} \left\{ -\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} k-1\\ 2k \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4y)^{k-1}} \right\}.$$
(4.8)

Similarly, the lattice-sum representations (2.21) of their Cauchy-Riemann derivatives arise at the  $s_{12}^0$  order of  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  with  $a \neq b$ , and comparison with (3.11) implies  $(0 \leq m \leq k-1)$ 

$$(\pi\nabla)^m \mathcal{E}_k = \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^m \frac{(2k-1)!}{(k-1)!(k-1-m)!} \left\{-\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \left[\frac{k-1+m}{2k}\right] + \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4y)^{k-1-m}}\right\}, \quad (4.9a)$$

$$\frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^m \mathcal{E}_k}{y^{2m}} = \frac{(-4)^m (2k-1)!}{(k-1)!(k-1-m)!} \left\{ -\beta^{\rm sv} \left[ \frac{k-1-m}{2k} \right] + \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4y)^{k-1+m}} \right\}.$$
(4.9b)

By solving these relations for the  $\beta^{sv}$ , one arrives at

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} k-1\\2k \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{[(k-1)!]^2}{(2k-1)!} \mathbf{E}_k + \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4y)^{k-1}}$$
(4.10)

as well as  $(0 \le m \le k-1)$ 

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} k-1+m\\2k \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{(-4)^m (k-1)! (k-1-m)! (\pi \nabla)^m \mathcal{E}_k}{(2k-1)!} + \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4y)^{k-1-m}}, \qquad (4.11a)$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} k-1-m\\2k \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{(k-1)! \, (k-1-m)! \, (\pi\overline{\nabla})^m \mathcal{E}_k}{(-4)^m (2k-1)! y^{2m}} + \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{(2k-1)(4y)^{k-1+m}} \,. \tag{4.11b}$$

#### 4.4 Simplifying modular graph forms

By the linear-independence result on iterated Eisenstein integrals [82], the  $\beta^{sv}$  are suitable for obtaining relations between MGFs which are hard to see from their lattice-sum representation. In the following, we will illustrate this with the relation

$$\mathbf{D}_3 = \mathbf{E}_3 + \zeta_3 \tag{4.12}$$

due to Zagier, where  $D_3$  is the two-loop instance of the 'banana' graph functions, the coefficients in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the component integral  $Y^{\tau}_{(0|0)}$ , defined by [2, 4]

$$Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (s_{12})^n \mathcal{D}_n(\tau) , \quad \mathcal{D}_n(\tau) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 z}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau} \big( G(z,\tau) \big)^n = \left(\frac{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}{\pi}\right)^n \mathcal{C}[\underbrace{1\,1\,\dots\,1}_n](\tau) .$$
(4.13)

The lattice sums C[...] are defined in (2.16) and immediately pinpoint the simplest nontrivial banana graph function  $D_2 = E_2$ . (One has  $D_0 = 1$  and  $D_1 = 0$ .)

The identity (4.12) was first proven by explicitly performing one of the sums in D<sub>3</sub>. To prove (4.12) independently using the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ , we have to identify both MGFs in the relation as coefficients in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of component integrals  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  which we can write in terms of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  using (3.11). Hence, (4.12) follows from comparing

$$D_{3} = 6Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} \Big|_{s_{12}^{3}} = -30\beta^{sv} [\frac{2}{6}] + \zeta_{3} + \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{4y^{2}}$$
(4.14)

$$E_3 = Y_{(3|3)}^{\tau} \Big|_{s_{12}^0} = -30\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_5}{4y^2} \,. \tag{4.15}$$

Higher-loop generalisations of (4.12) are known from MGF techniques [4, 5, 9, 13],

$$D_4 = 24E_{2,2} + 3E_2^2 + \frac{18}{5}E_4$$
(4.16a)

$$D_5 = 60E_{2,3} + 10E_3E_2 + \frac{180}{7}E_5 + 10\zeta_3E_2 + 16\zeta_5, \qquad (4.16b)$$

see also [24, 28] for all-order results on the Laurent polynomials of banana graph functions. Relations among MGFs like (4.16) can be proven in the same way as (4.12): they become manifest once all MGFs in the relation are identified as  $\alpha'$  coefficients of component integrals and expressed in terms of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  via (3.11). This will in fact expose all the relations among MGFs since the  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  with different entries  $j_i, k_i$  are linearly independent. Of course, the reach of this procedure depends on the multiplicity of the  $Y^{\tau}_{\eta}$ -integrals

Of course, the reach of this procedure depends on the multiplicity of the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ -integrals under consideration. For instance,  $E_{2,2}$  and  $E_{2,3}$  in (4.16) contain the two-loop graphs  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1&1&2\\1&1&2\end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1&1&3\\1&1&3\end{bmatrix}$  which do not appear in any two-point component integral  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$ .<sup>22</sup> Instead, the  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1&1&k\\1&1&k\end{bmatrix}$  first appear as the coefficient of  $s_{23}^2$  in the three-point component integral  $Y_{(k,0|k,0)}^{\tau}(2,3|3,2)$  discussed in section 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>The  $\alpha'$ -expansion of two-point component integral  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  only involves the lattice sums  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1\\ 0 & b & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1\end{bmatrix}$  [30].

As a reference, we express the lowest-loop banana graphs  $D_n$  in terms of  $\beta^{sv}$ , by comparing (4.13) with (4.4a), yielding

$$D_2 = -6\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4}] + \frac{\zeta_3}{y}, \qquad (4.17a)$$

$$D_3 = -30\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^2_6] + \zeta_3 + \frac{3\zeta_5}{4y^2}, \qquad (4.17b)$$

$$D_{4} = 216\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 432\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 504\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
(4.17c)  
+ 288\zeta\_{3}\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{36\zeta\_{3}}{u}\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{10\zeta\_{5}}{u} - \frac{3\zeta\_{3}^{2}}{u^{2}} + \frac{9\zeta\_{7}}{4u^{3}},

$$D_{5} = 1800\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{6}] - 7200\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{4}\frac{1}{6}] + 1800\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{6}\frac{1}{4}] - 7200\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{3}{6}\frac{0}{4}] - 16200\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{4}{10}] - 60\zeta_{3}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}] + 4800\zeta_{3}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{6}] - \frac{300\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{6}]$$
(4.17d)  
$$+ \frac{720\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}] - \frac{45\zeta_{5}}{y^{2}}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}] + \frac{43\zeta_{5}}{3} + \frac{10\zeta_{3}^{2}}{y} + \frac{105\zeta_{7}}{4y^{2}} - \frac{45\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{2y^{3}} + \frac{225\zeta_{9}}{16y^{4}},$$

see appendix C.4 for similar  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ -representations of D<sub>6</sub> and D<sub>7</sub>. As expected, these expressions satisfy the relations (4.16) if we plug in the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  representations (4.7) of the modular graph functions on the right-hand sides.

# 4.5 Explicit $\beta^{sv}$ from reality properties at two points

In this section, we derive the antiholomorphic integration constants in certain instances of  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  in (3.29) and (3.32) from reality properties (2.14) of two-point component integrals. This will make the iterated-Eisenstein-integral representation of the associated  $\beta^{sv}$  and MGFs fully explicit.

#### 4.5.1 Depth one

From reality of  $y = \pi \operatorname{Im} \tau$  and  $Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau}$ , the orders  $s_{12}^2$  and  $s_{12}^3$  of its  $\alpha'$ -expansion (4.4a) immediately imply that  $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}]$  and  $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{6}]$  are real. Similarly, from the instance  $Y_{(2|0)}^{\tau} = 16y^2 \overline{Y_{(0|2)}^{\tau}}$  of (2.14), the  $s_{12}$  and  $s_{12}^2$  orders of (4.4b) and (4.4c) imply that

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^2_4]} = (4y)^2 \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^0_4] , \qquad \overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^3_6]} = (4y)^2 \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^1_6] . \tag{4.18}$$

By combining (2.14) with the  $s_{ij}^0$ -order of general  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  with  $a + b \ge 4$  derived in appendix C.3, one arrives at the closed depth-one formula

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j\\k \end{bmatrix}} = (4y)^{2+2j-k} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} k-2-j\\k \end{bmatrix} .$$
(4.19)

By (3.13), this also determines the complex conjugation properties of  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ 

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\k \end{bmatrix}} = (-1)^j \sum_{p=0}^j \binom{j}{p} (4y)^p \mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j-p\\k \end{bmatrix} .$$
(4.20)

This is crucial extra information beyond the initial-value problem (3.7): the latter only determines  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  up to antiholomorphic integration constants, denoted by

 $\overline{f\begin{bmatrix}j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell\\k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell\end{bmatrix}}$  in (3.27), that vanish at the cusp. The complex-conjugation property (4.20) in turn relates these integration constants to the holomorphic ingredients  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$  that are fixed by their differential equation and can be read off from its minimal solution (3.26). At k = 4, for instance, (4.20) reads

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}]} = \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}] , 
\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{1}_{4}]} = -4y\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{1}_{4}] , 
\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{2}_{4}]} = 16y^{2}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}] + 8y\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{1}_{4}] + \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[{}^{2}_{4}]$$
(4.21)

and selects the antiholomorphic completion in  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}_{\min}\begin{bmatrix} j\\4 \end{bmatrix} + \overline{f\begin{bmatrix} j\\4 \end{bmatrix}}$ : by inserting the expansion (3.26) of the minimal  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}_{\min}$  in terms of *holomorphic* iterated integrals (3.22)

$$\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, 
\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 2\pi i \bar{\tau} \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, 
\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 4\pi i \bar{\tau} \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + (2\pi i \bar{\tau})^2 \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
(4.22)

into (4.21) and isolating the purely antiholomorphic terms, one is uniquely led to

$$\overline{f[}_{4}^{[0]} = \overline{\mathcal{E}}[]_{4}^{[0]}, 
\overline{f[}_{4}^{[1]} = -\overline{\mathcal{E}}[]_{4}^{[1]} - 2\pi i \overline{\tau} \overline{\mathcal{E}}[]_{4}^{[0]}, 
\overline{f[}_{4}^{[2]} = \overline{\mathcal{E}}[]_{4}^{[2]} + 4\pi i \overline{\tau} \overline{\mathcal{E}}[]_{4}^{[1]} + (2\pi i \overline{\tau})^{2} \overline{\mathcal{E}}[]_{4}^{[0]}.$$
(4.23)

This reasoning results in the expressions (3.30) for  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j\\4\end{bmatrix}$  and can be straightforwardly repeated at  $k \geq 6$ : the reality properties (4.20) completely fix the  $\overline{\mathcal{E}}\begin{bmatrix}j-r\\k\end{bmatrix}$  in (3.29) and uniquely determine  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j\\k\end{bmatrix}$  in terms of iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates.

By combining the expression (3.29) for  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j\\k\end{bmatrix}$  with the dictionaries (3.12) and (4.7) to  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j\\k\end{bmatrix}$  and MGFs, both  $E_k$  and their Cauchy-Riemann derivatives can then be reduced to holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates, e.g.

$$\pi \nabla E_{2} = \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{E}^{sv} [{}^{2}_{4}] - \zeta_{3}$$

$$= -12\pi^{2} \bar{\tau}^{2} \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{E} [{}^{0}_{4}] + 12\pi \bar{\tau} \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{E} [{}^{1}_{4}] + 3 \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{E} [{}^{2}_{4}] - \zeta_{3} ,$$

$$E_{2} = -6\mathcal{E}^{sv} [{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{3\mathcal{E}^{sv} [{}^{2}_{4}]}{2y} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{y}$$

$$= \frac{12\pi^{2} \tau \bar{\tau} \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{E} [{}^{0}_{4}] - 6\pi (\tau + \bar{\tau}) \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{E} [{}^{1}_{4}] - 3 \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{E} [{}^{2}_{4}] + \zeta_{3}}{y} ,$$

$$\pi \overline{\nabla} E_{2} = 24y^{2} \mathcal{E}^{sv} [{}^{0}_{4}] + 12y \mathcal{E}^{sv} [{}^{1}_{4}] + \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{E}^{sv} [{}^{2}_{4}] - \zeta_{3}$$

$$(4.26)$$

$$= -12\pi^2 \tau^2 \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{E}[{}^0_4] + 12\pi \tau \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{E}[{}^1_4] + 3 \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{E}[{}^2_4] - \zeta_3.$$

At depth one, these iterated-Eisenstein-integral representations of  $E_k$  are well-known [8, 45] and serve as a cross-check for the expansion methods of this work. At higher depth, however, only a small number of MGFs has been expressed in terms of iterated Eisenstein integrals [17, 46], and we will later provide new representations for non-holomorphic imaginary cusp forms. Most importantly, the reality properties of component integrals determine the integration constants in higher-depth  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  and  $\beta^{sv}$  without referring to the MGFs in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion.

#### 4.5.2 Depth two

Based on the  $\alpha'$ -expansions (4.4) of two-point component integrals, the  $s_{12}^4$ -order of  $Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} = \overline{Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau}}$  and the  $s_{12}^3$ -order  $Y_{(2|0)}^{\tau} = 16y^2 \overline{Y_{(0|2)}^{\tau}}$  imply

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{1}_{4}]} = \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{1}_{4}] , \qquad \overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{0}_{4}]} = \frac{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{2}_{4}]}{256y^{4}}, \qquad (4.27a)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2\ 0}_{4\ 4}]} = \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2\ 0}_{4\ 4}] - \frac{2\zeta_3}{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}] + \frac{\zeta_3}{24y^2}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}] , \qquad (4.27b)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{2}_{4}]} = \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{2}_{4}] + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{24y^{2}}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}] , \qquad (4.27c)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4} \frac{0}{4}]} = \frac{\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{4} \frac{1}{4}]}{16y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3}{24y^2} \beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4}] + \frac{\zeta_3}{96y^3} \beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{4}] - \frac{\zeta_3}{2160} , \qquad (4.27d)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\beta^{\rm sv}}{16y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3}{24y^2} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_3}{96y^3} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3}{2160} \,. \tag{4.27e}$$

These simplest depth-two examples illustrate that  $\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}}$  introduce admixtures of single-valued MZVs and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  of lower depth. There is no depth-one analogue of this feature in the expression (4.19) for  $\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}}$ . In section 5.4, three-point  $\alpha'$ -expansions will be used to extract similar complex-conjugation properties for all the individual  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Our examples will line up with the conjectural closed depth-two formula

$$\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}} = (4y)^{4+2j_1+2j_2-k_1-k_2} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} k_2-2-j_2 & k_1-2-j_1 \\ k_2 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ mod depth } < 2$$
(4.28)

which translates as follows to the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ 

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2\\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}} = (-1)^{j_1+j_2} \sum_{p_1=0}^{j_1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{j_2} \binom{j_1}{p_1} \binom{j_2}{p_2} (4y)^{p_1+p_2} \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_2-p_2 & j_1-p_1\\ k_2 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \mod \det < 2.$$
(4.29)

These complex-conjugation properties of  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  are consistent with the general depth-two expression (3.32), assuming the conjecture that the iterated Eisenstein integrals in  $\overline{\alpha[\cdots]}$  have depth one and zero.

The  $\zeta_3$ -admixtures in (4.27) propagate to the following shuffle-inequivalent  $\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}$ ,

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{0}{4}]} = -4y\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{0}{4}] - \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{1}{4}] , 
\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{4}\frac{0}{4}]} = 16y^{2}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{0}{4}] + 8y\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{1}{4}] + \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{2}{4}] - \frac{y\zeta_{3}}{270} + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}] , 
\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{4}\frac{1}{4}]} = -64y^{3}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{0}{4}] - 32y^{2}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{1}{4}] - 4y\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{2}{4}] - 16y^{2}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{0}{4}] 
- 8y\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{4}] - \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{4}] + \frac{y^{2}\zeta_{3}}{135} - \frac{8y\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}] - \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}] .$$
(4.30)

These equations uniquely fix all the integration constants  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ : one has to first express the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  in terms of holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals  $\mathcal{E}$  and their complex conjugates via (3.29) and (3.32). Then by comparing the purely holomorphic terms  $\sim \tau, \mathcal{E}, \alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ on the two sides of (4.30), one can read off

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 0, 
\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} \left( \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{i\pi\tau}{360} \right) = -\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, 
\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} \left( 2\pi i\tau \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \mathcal{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\pi^2 \tau^2}{360} \right) = -\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(4.31)

The expressions for  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  that enter the actual  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  follow from complex conjugation, and we have used the shuffle relations (3.34) to infer the  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 < j_2$ . Moreover, as exhibited in appendix G, the  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  in (4.31) are invariant under the modular  $T: \tau \to \tau + 1$  transformation, in line with the discussion in section 3.5.

#### 5 Explicit forms at three points

An analysis similar to the one of section 4 can be done at three points. Unlike formula (4.2) we do not have a closed expression for the all-order Laurent polynomial at three points to obtain the initial data directly. For this reason, we first discuss a basis of modular graph forms that we use for expanding the component integrals  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . From this expansion and the knowledge of the Laurent polynomials of the modular graph forms as given in [4] we can construct the initial data  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  and solve for the remaining  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  at depth two having  $(k_1, k_2) = (4, 6)$  or  $(k_1, k_2) = (6, 4)$ . The expansion of the initial data to order 10 is available in machine-readable form in the supplementary material of this paper. As a consistency check of our procedure the instances of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  that were determined from the two-point analysis in section 4 are consequences of the three-point considerations.

The detailed discussion of  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and the associated MGFs in this section is motivated as follows: the depth-two integrals  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  have been described in terms of real MGFs E<sub>2</sub> and E<sub>2,2</sub>, see (4.5c) and (4.7c), and their reality is a particularity of having the same Eisenstein series G<sub>4</sub> in both integration kernels. Generic  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $k_1 \neq k_2$ , by contrast, introduce complex MGFs. The irreducible MGFs besides products of depth-one quantities can be organised in terms of real MGFs such as E<sub>2,3</sub> and imaginary MGFs such as the non-holomorphic cusp forms (2.30) which have been discussed first in [22]. Hence, the  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  in this section are the simplest non-trivial window into the generic properties of depth-two MGFs.

#### 5.1 Bases of modular graph forms up to order 10

At two points, the expansion of any component integral  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  to order 10 is entirely expressible in terms of the modular graph functions  $E_{k\leq 5}$ ,  $E_{2,2}$ ,  $E_{2,3}$  as well as their Cauchy-Riemann derivatives, cf. (4.4) and appendix C.2. At three points, this is no longer the case: the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of various component integrals (2.11) introduces additional MGFs

that are not expressible in terms of the real quantities  $E_{k\leq 5}$ ,  $E_{2,2}$  and  $E_{2,3}$ . This resonates with the comments in early section 4.2 that the operators  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_k)$  in the two-point differential equations obey relations that no longer hold for their three-point analogues  $R_{\eta_2,\eta_3}(\epsilon_k)$ in (2.34).

The additional MGFs that start appearing at three points can be understood from the perspective of lattice sums. Expanding three-point component integrals  $Y_{(a_2,a_3|b_2,b_3)}^{\tau}$ to order 10 introduces a large variety of dihedral and trihedral MGFs<sup>23</sup> whose modular weight adds up to  $\leq 10$ . In the notation  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix}$  for the dihedral case in (2.16), this amounts to holomorphic and antiholomorphic modular weights  $w = \sum_{j=1}^{R} a_j$  and  $\bar{w} = \sum_{j=1}^{R} b_j$  subject to  $w + \bar{w} \leq 10$ .

Already the two-loop graphs  $C\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $w + \bar{w} = 10$  were found in [22] to introduce irreducible cusp forms  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$  as defined in (2.30) with vanishing Laurent polynomials. The known types of relations among dihedral and trihedral MGFs [9, 13, 20] — see [84] for a Mathematica implementation and data mine — leave three independent cusp forms built from  $C\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R \end{bmatrix}$  with  $w = \bar{w} = 5$ . One of them is expressible as the antisymmetrised product

$$\frac{(\nabla \mathcal{E}_2)\overline{\nabla}\mathcal{E}_3 - (\overline{\nabla}\mathcal{E}_2)\nabla\mathcal{E}_3}{(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2} = 6\left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \left\{ \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}3 & 0\\1 & 0\end{bmatrix} \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}2 & 0\\1 & 0\end{bmatrix} - \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0\\3 & 0\end{bmatrix} \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}4 & 0\\2 & 0\end{bmatrix} \right\},\tag{5.1}$$

and we additionally have two irreducible cusp forms that can be taken to be  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}]$  and  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}]$ . While (5.1) and  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}]$  have been discussed in [22], the cusp form  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}]$  exceeds the loop orders studied in the reference.

For lattice sums  $C\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R \end{bmatrix}$  with different holomorphic and antiholomorphic modular weights  $w \neq \bar{w}$ , one can construct basis elements from Cauchy-Riemann derivatives of modular invariants. As detailed in table 1, the bases<sup>24</sup> for  $w + \bar{w} \leq 8$  can be assembled from Cauchy-Riemann derivatives of  $E_{k\leq 4}$  and  $E_{2,2}$  (including products of  $E_2$ ,  $\nabla E_2$  and  $\overline{\nabla} E_2$ ). For  $w + \bar{w} = 10$  in turn, one needs to adjoin combinations of  $E_5$ ,  $E_{2,3}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and their Cauchy-Riemann derivatives to obtain complete lattice-sum bases.

In order to obtain simple expressions for the full range of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2\\ 4 & 6\end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2\\ 6 & 4\end{bmatrix}$  in terms of lattice sums, it is convenient to delay the appearance of holomorphic Eisenstein series in the Cauchy-Riemann equations. This can be achieved by taking the combinations

$$B_{2,3} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2\\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3}{6(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2}, \qquad (5.2a)$$

$$B_{2,3}' = B_{2,3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi} \right)^5 \mathcal{A} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{21}{4} E_{2,3} - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_3 E_2$$
(5.2b)

as basis elements for the lattice sums with  $w = \bar{w} = 5$ , where the rescaling by  $\text{Im} \tau/\pi$  is analogous to (2.18) or (2.24) and renders  $B_{2,3}, B'_{2,3}$  modular invariant. The lowest-order

 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$ See appendix A.2 for trihedral MGFs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>We are not counting combinations of MGFs that evaluate to MZVs or products involving MZVs or holomorphic Eisenstein series in the table. This is why we did not include  $\zeta_3 = (\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi})^3 (\mathcal{C} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \mathcal{C} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix})$  at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (3, 3)$  or any of  $\zeta_5$ ,  $\zeta_3 E_2$ ,  $G_4 \overline{\nabla}^2 E_3$  at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (5, 5)$ .

weight $(w, \bar{w})$	basis elements
(2,2)	$E_2$
(3,1)	$ abla  ext{E}_2$
(3,3)	$E_3$
(4,2)	$ abla \mathrm{E}_3$
(5,1)	$ abla^2 \mathrm{E}_3$
(4,4)	$E_4, E_{2,2}, E_2^2, (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{-2} \nabla E_2 \overline{\nabla} E_2$
(5,3)	$\nabla E_4, \ \nabla E_{2,2}, \ E_2 \nabla E_2$
(6,2)	$ abla^2 \mathrm{E}_4, \; ( abla \mathrm{E}_2)^2$
(7,1)	$ abla^3\mathrm{E}_4$
(5,5)	$E_5, E_{2,3}, E_2E_3, (Im \tau)^{-2}\overline{\nabla}E_2\nabla E_3, (Im \tau)^{-2}\nabla E_2\overline{\nabla}E_3, B_{2,3}, B_{2,3}'$
(6,4)	$\nabla \mathbf{E}_5, \ \nabla \mathbf{E}_{2,3}, \ \mathbf{E}_3 \nabla \mathbf{E}_2, \ \mathbf{E}_2 \nabla \mathbf{E}_3, \ (\mathrm{Im}\tau)^{-2} \overline{\nabla} \mathbf{E}_2 \nabla^2 \mathbf{E}_3, \ \nabla \mathbf{B}_{2,3}, \ \nabla \mathbf{B}_{2,3}'$
(7,3)	$\nabla^2 E_5, \ \nabla^2 E_{2,3}, \ \nabla E_2 \nabla E_3, \ E_2 \nabla^2 E_3, \ \nabla^2 B_{2,3}'$
(8,2)	$ abla^3 ext{E}_5, \  abla ext{E}_2 abla^2 ext{E}_3, \  abla^3 ext{B}_{2,3}'$
(9,1)	$ abla^4 \mathrm{E}_5$

**Table 1.** Basis of MGFs of modular weight  $w + \overline{w} \leq 10$  in terms of  $\nabla^k E_{...}$  and imaginary cusp forms and their derivatives. There is a similar basis with  $\overline{w} > w$  where  $\nabla$  is replaced by  $\overline{\nabla}$  and  $B_{...}$  by  $\overline{B}_{...}$ . The modular weights  $(w, \overline{w})$  refer to the lattice sums  $\mathcal{C}[...]$  after stripping off overall suitable factors of  $(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^k$ . For instance,  $E_k$  is counted as  $(w, \overline{w}) = (k, k)$  from the lattice-sum contribution  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} k & 0\\ k & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{p \neq 0} |p|^{-2k}$  to (2.18). Additional factors of  $(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{-2}$  have been added explicitly in the table whenever there is an  $\overline{\nabla}$  to ensure that all entries in one row have the same modular properties.

Cauchy-Riemann derivatives that contain holomorphic Eisenstein series are

$$(\pi \nabla)^{2} B_{2,3} = +\frac{3}{2} (\pi \nabla)^{2} E_{2,3} + \frac{2}{7} (\pi \nabla)^{2} B_{2,3}' - \frac{3}{2} E_{2} (\pi \nabla)^{2} E_{3} + \frac{3}{2} (\pi \nabla E_{2}) (\pi \nabla E_{3}) + (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^{4} G_{4} (9 E_{3} + 3\zeta_{3}), \qquad (5.3a)$$

$$(\pi \nabla)^4 B'_{2,3} = 1260 (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^6 G_6 \pi \nabla E_2.$$
 (5.3b)

While the modular graph form  $B_{2,3}$  is also an imaginary cusp form, the second form  $B'_{2,3}$  is neither real nor a cusp form, and its Laurent polynomial is determined by the known Laurent polynomials (2.28) of  $E_{2,3}$  and  $E_2$ ,

$$B_{2,3} = \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}), \quad B'_{2,3} = \frac{y^5}{14175} - \frac{y^2\zeta_3}{45} + \frac{7\zeta_5}{240} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{2y} - \frac{147\zeta_7}{64y^2} + \frac{21\zeta_3\zeta_5}{8y^3} + \mathcal{O}(q,\bar{q}). \quad (5.4)$$

Accordingly, the complex-conjugation properties are

$$\overline{B}_{2,3} = -B_{2,3}, \quad \overline{B}'_{2,3} = -B'_{2,3} - \frac{21}{2}E_{2,3} - \zeta_3 E_2.$$
 (5.5)

The imaginary cusp forms with  $w = \bar{w} = 5$  studied in [22] were denoted by  $\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5}$  and

 $\mathcal{A}_{1,4:5}$  there and can be rewritten in our basis as follows<sup>25</sup>

$$\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi} \right)^5 \mathcal{A} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \operatorname{B}'_{2,3} - \operatorname{B}_{2,3} + \frac{21}{4} \operatorname{E}_{2,3} + \frac{\zeta_3}{2} \operatorname{E}_2 \right) , \qquad (5.6a)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{1,4;5} = \frac{(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla} E_3 - (\overline{\nabla} E_2)\nabla E_3}{6(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} \,. \tag{5.6b}$$

The extra cusp form  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2\\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  entering the definition of  $B'_{2,3}$  did not arise in [22] as its lattice-sum representation requires three-loop graphs on the worldsheet.

The reason for defining the particular combinations (5.2) is that their derivatives  $\nabla B_{2,3}$ ,  $\nabla B'_{2,3}$ ,  $\nabla^2 B'_{2,3}$  and  $\nabla^3 B'_{2,3}$  do not contain any explicit holomorphic Eisenstein series. The collection of MGFs in table 1 forms a basis for MGFs of total modular weight  $w + \bar{w} = 10$ , excluding factors of  $G_k$  or MZVs. First, the techniques in the literature have been used to decompose all dihedral and trihedral MGFs with  $w + \bar{w} = 10$  in the basis of the table [84]. Second, the counting of basis elements matches the number of  $\beta^{sv}$  that can enter the  $\alpha'$ expansion of  $Y^{\tau}_{\eta}$  at the relevant order. As will be detailed in the following sections, see in particular (5.10) and (5.12) to (5.14) or (E.1), the correspondence between lattice-sum and iterated-integral bases is

$$\begin{split} & E_{2,3}, \ E_{2}E_{3}, \ (\operatorname{Im}\tau)^{-2}\overline{\nabla}E_{2}\nabla E_{3} \\ & (\operatorname{Im}\tau)^{-2}\nabla E_{2}\overline{\nabla}E_{3}, \ B_{2,3}, \ B_{2,3}' \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^{\mathrm{sv}}$$

where the powers of Im  $\tau$  were inserted to harmonise the modular weights. Similarly, we have  $\nabla^m \mathbf{E}_5 \leftrightarrow \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4+m\\10 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $(\mathrm{Im}\,\tau)^{-2m} \overline{\nabla}^m \mathbf{E}_5 \leftrightarrow \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4-m\\10 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $m \leq 4$  according to (C.3). All the  $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}$  in (5.7) are understood to carry admixtures of lower depth analogous to the terms involving  $\zeta_k$  in (4.7). Generalisations of (5.7) to higher weight will be discussed in section 6.2.

#### 5.2 Three-point component integrals and cusp forms

Based on the generating series (3.11), we have expanded all three-point component integrals  $Y_{(a_2,a_3|b_2,b_3)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  to order 10. Similar to the two-point case, the leading orders of the simplest cases  $Y_{(0,0|0,0)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  or  $Y_{(1,0|1,0)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho), Y_{(1,0|0,1)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  are still expressible in terms of  $E_k$  and  $E_{p,q}$ . The  $\alpha'$ -expansion of  $Y_{(0,0|0,0)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho)$  involves trihedral modular graph functions  $D_{a,b,c}(\tau)$  that are discussed in appendix A.2. They serve as consistency checks of the expansion method (3.11) and as another showcase of how the  $\beta^{sv}$  expose the relations among MGFs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>Note that the normalisation conventions of [22] for  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix}$  differ from ours in (2.16) and (2.30) by an additional factor of  $(\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi})^{\frac{1}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{R}(a_j+b_j)}$ .

The simplest instances of cusp forms or the alternative basis elements in (5.2) occur in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the following component integrals:

$$Y_{(2,0|0,2)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) - Y_{(0,2|2,0)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3)$$

$$= s_{13}(s_{23} - s_{12})(s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23}) \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}]$$

$$+ (s_{23} - s_{12})(2s_{13}^2 + s_{12}s_{23}) \frac{(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3}{12(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} + \mathcal{O}(s_{ij}^4)$$

$$= (s_{12} - s_{23})(2s_{12}s_{13} - s_{12}s_{23} + 2s_{13}s_{23}) \frac{(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3}{12(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2}$$

$$+ s_{13}(s_{23} - s_{12})(s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23})B_{2,3} + \mathcal{O}(s_{ij}^4), \qquad (5.8a)$$

$$Y_{(2,1|3,0)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) - Y_{(3,0|2,1)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) = s_{12}s_{13}\frac{(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3}{4(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2} - s_{13}(s_{13}+s_{23})\left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix}0&1&2&2\\1&1&0&3\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{2}{3}s_{12}s_{13}\left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix}0&2&3\\3&0&2\end{smallmatrix}] + \mathcal{O}(s_{ij}^3) = s_{12}s_{13}\left(\frac{4B'_{2,3}}{3} + 7E_{2,3} + \frac{2}{3}\zeta_3E_2\right) - \frac{1}{3}s_{13}(4s_{12}+3s_{13}+3s_{23})B_{2,3} + s_{13}(3s_{12}+2s_{13}+2s_{23})\frac{(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3}{12(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2} + \mathcal{O}(s_{ij}^3).$$
(5.8b)

The expressions in (5.8) have been obtained by integrating over  $z_2, z_3$  in Fourier space as reviewed in appendix A.1 and simplifying the lattice sums via known MGF techniques. By matching these results with the  $\alpha'$ -expansions due to (3.11),

$$Y_{(2,1|3,0)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) - Y_{(3,0|2,1)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) \Big|_{s_{13}^{2}} = -60\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 270\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 60\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 390\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 270\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 390\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 3\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 260\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{45\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_{3}}{2y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{39\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{27\zeta_{5}}{4y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{8y^{3}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{13\zeta_{5}}{120}$$
(5.9a)

 $Y_{(2,1|3,0)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) - Y_{(3,0|2,1)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) \Big|_{s_{12}s_{13}}$ 

$$= -90\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 360\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 90\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 330\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 360\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ -330\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 220\zeta_3\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{60\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{15\zeta_3}{4y^2}\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ + \frac{33\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{9\zeta_5}{y^2}\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{9\zeta_5}{16y^3}\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_5}{90}$$
(5.9b)

one can extract the following  $\beta^{sv}$ -representation of  $B_{2,3}$  and  $B'_{2,3}$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{B}_{2,3} &= 450\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 450\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 270\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 270\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.10a} \\ &- 3\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 300\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{45\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}}{y} + \frac{45\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}{y} - \frac{27\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}{4y^2} - \frac{13\zeta_5}{120} \,, \\ \mathbf{B}_{2,3}' &= 1260\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 840\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{7\zeta_5}{240} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{2y} - \frac{147\zeta_7}{64y^2} + \frac{21\zeta_3\zeta_5}{8y^3} \,. \end{split} \tag{5.10b}$$

Similarly, (5.2) implies  $\beta^{sv}$ -representations of the cusp forms

$$\left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^{5} \mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix}0 & 1 & 2 & 2\\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3\end{bmatrix} = 60\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}0 & 3\\ 4 & 6\end{bmatrix} - 60\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 2\\ 6 & 4\end{bmatrix} + 270\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}2 & 1\\ 6 & 4\end{bmatrix} - 270\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 2\\ 4 & 6\end{bmatrix} + 390\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}2 & 1\\ 4 & 6\end{bmatrix} - 390\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}3 & 0\\ 6 & 4\end{bmatrix} - 3\zeta_{3}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}1\\ 4\end{bmatrix} - 260\zeta_{3}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}1\\ 6\end{bmatrix} + \frac{45\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}2\\ 6\end{bmatrix} - \frac{5\zeta_{3}}{2y^{2}}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}3\\ 6\end{bmatrix} + \frac{39\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}0\\ 4\end{bmatrix} - \frac{27\zeta_{5}}{4y^{2}}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}1\\ 4\end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{8y^{3}}\beta^{\operatorname{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}2\\ 4\end{bmatrix} - \frac{13\zeta_{5}}{120}, \qquad (5.11a)$$

$$\left(\frac{\operatorname{Im}\tau}{\pi}\right)^{5} \mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 360\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 360\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 240\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{90\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{36\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{27\zeta_{5}}{2y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_{5}}{60}, \qquad (5.11b)$$

where the vanishing of their Laurent polynomials can be crosschecked through the asymptotics (3.38) of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . Once we have fixed the antiholomorphic integration constants of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  in section 5.4, one can extract the *q*-expansions of the MGFs from their new representations (5.10) and (5.11), see appendix G.

# 5.3 Cauchy-Riemann derivatives of cusp forms and $\beta^{sv}$

The above procedure to relate the new basis elements  $B_{2,3}$  and  $B'_{2,3}$  to cusp forms can be repeated based on component integrals  $Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,a_3|b_2,b_3)}(\sigma|\rho)$  of non-vanishing modular weight  $(0, b_2+b_3-a_2-a_3)$ . Their expansion in terms of  $\beta^{sv}$  to order 10 is available in the supplementary material of this paper. On top of (5.10), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \nabla \mathbf{B}_{2,3} &= 135\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 270\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{135}{2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 90\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + \frac{225}{2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3\zeta_3}{4}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 180\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{45\zeta_3}{2y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - 45\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{9\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{27\zeta_5}{16y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} , \end{aligned}$$
(5.12a)  
$$\frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} \overline{\mathbf{B}}_{2,3}}{y^2} = 1440\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 1080\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 2160\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 1800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - 4320\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 12\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - 1200\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{240\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + \frac{45\zeta_3}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{108\zeta_5}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{27\zeta_5}{2y^3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_5}{4y}, \tag{5.12b}$$

as well as

$$\frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^3\overline{B}'_{2,3}}{y^6} = -483840\beta^{\rm sv}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{756\zeta_5}{y^4}\beta^{\rm sv}\begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{8\zeta_3}{15y} - \frac{7\zeta_5}{5y^3} - \frac{63\zeta_3\zeta_5}{4y^6}, \qquad (5.13a)$$

$$\frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2\overline{B}'_{2,3}}{y^4} = 120960\beta^{\rm sv}\begin{bmatrix}1&0\\6&4\end{bmatrix} - \frac{756\zeta_5}{y^3}\beta^{\rm sv}\begin{bmatrix}0\\4\end{bmatrix} - \frac{2\zeta_3}{15} + \frac{7\zeta_5}{5y^2} - \frac{147\zeta_7}{32y^4} + \frac{63\zeta_3\zeta_5}{4y^5}, \qquad (5.13b)$$

$$\frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}\,\overline{B}_{2,3}'}{y^2} = -15120\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{6}{}^{0}_{4}] - 24\zeta_3\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}] + \frac{378\zeta_5}{y^2}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{7\zeta_5}{10y} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{2y^2} + \frac{147\zeta_7}{32y^3} - \frac{63\zeta_3\zeta_5}{8y^4}$$
(5.13c)

and

$$\pi \nabla \mathbf{B}_{2,3}^{\prime} = -945\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 630\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{2} + \frac{147\zeta_7}{32y} - \frac{63\zeta_3\zeta_5}{8y^2}, \qquad (5.14a)$$

$$(\pi\nabla)^{2}B_{2,3}^{\prime} = \frac{945}{2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}2&3\\4&6\end{bmatrix} - 315\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}3\\6\end{bmatrix} - \frac{147\zeta_{7}}{32} + \frac{63\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{4y}, \qquad (5.14b)$$

$$(\pi\nabla)^{3}B_{2,3}' = -\frac{945}{8}\beta^{sv}[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{6}_{6}] + \frac{315\zeta_{3}}{4}\beta^{sv}[{}^{4}_{6}] - \frac{63}{4}\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}.$$
(5.14c)

Higher derivatives in turn involve holomorphic Eisenstein series, see (5.3). These relations can be inverted to express all  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $k_1 + k_2 = 10$  in terms of MGFs. The full expressions are given in appendix E.1.

# 5.4 Explicit $\beta^{sv}$ from reality properties at three points

We shall now outline the computation of the antiholomorphic integration constants  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  that enter the key quantities  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  of this section via (3.12) and (3.32). Similar to the steps in section 4.5, we first determine the complex conjugate  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  from the reality properties  $Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,a_3|b_2,b_3)}(\sigma|\rho) = (4y)^{a_2+a_3-b_2-b_3} \overline{Y^{\tau}_{(b_2,b_3|a_2,a_3)}(\rho|\sigma)}$  of the component integrals,

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\beta^{\rm sv}}{4096y^6} - \frac{\zeta_3}{6144y^6} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5}{10240y^6} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_3}{907200y} - \frac{\zeta_5}{345600y^3} \,, \quad (5.15a)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}1&0\\6&4\end{smallmatrix}]} = \frac{\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}2&3\\-&3\end{smallmatrix}]}{256y^4} - \frac{\zeta_3}{384y^4}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}3\\-&6\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{\zeta_5}{2560y^5}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}2\\-&4\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{\zeta_3}{907200} - \frac{\zeta_5}{86400y^2}, \tag{5.15b}$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{6}{}^{1}_{4}]} = \frac{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{6}_{4}]}{256y^{4}} - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{1536y^{5}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{4}_{6}] + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{640y^{4}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{226800} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{172800y^{2}}, \qquad (5.15c)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}} = \frac{\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 2\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}{16y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3}{10080y^2}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_3}{24y^2}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5}{640y^4}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_5}{21600y}, \quad (5.15d)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{6}\frac{1}{4}]} = \frac{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{3}{6}]}{16y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3}{6720y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{2}{4}] - \frac{\zeta_3}{96y^3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{3}{6}] + \frac{\zeta_5}{160y^3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}] + \frac{\zeta_5}{43200y}, \qquad (5.15e)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{6}{}^{2}_{4}]} = \frac{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{4}_{6}]}{16y^{2}} - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{1680y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{2}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{384y^{4}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{4}_{6}] + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{40y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{5}}{21600y}, \qquad (5.15f)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{3\,0}_{6\,4}]} = \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2\,1}_{4\,6}] - \frac{\zeta_3}{210}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{2\zeta_3}{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{6}] + \frac{\zeta_5}{160y^3}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_5}{5400}, \qquad (5.15g)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{6}{}^{1}_{4}]} = \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{2}_{6}] + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{315}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{6y}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{6}] + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{40y^{2}}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}] + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{10800}, \qquad (5.15h)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}} = \beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 3\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_3}{210}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_3}{24y^2}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 3\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5}{10y}\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_5}{5400},$$
(5.15i)

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}]} = 16y^2 \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0\\ 4 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{16\zeta_3 y^2}{105} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{32\zeta_3 y^2}{3} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{\zeta_5}{40y^2} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{y\zeta_5}{1350} \,, \quad (5.15j)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{3\,1}_{6\,4}]} = 16y^2 \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1\,1}_{4\,6}] + \frac{4\zeta_3 y^2}{105} \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{8\zeta_3 y}{3} \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{6}] + \frac{\zeta_5}{10y} \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}] + \frac{y\zeta_5}{2700} \,, \tag{5.15k}$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{2}_{6}{}^{2}_{4}]} = 16y^{2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{2}_{6}] - \frac{8\zeta_{3}y^{2}}{315}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{2}_{6}] + \frac{2\zeta_{5}}{5}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{5}y}{1350}, \qquad (5.151)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 1\\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}]} = 256y^4 \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 4 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{128\zeta_3 y^3}{3} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{2\zeta_5}{5} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{16y^4 \zeta_3}{14175} + \frac{y^2 \zeta_5}{675}, \tag{5.15m}$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}3&2\\6&4\end{smallmatrix}]} = 256y^4 \beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}0&1\\4&6\end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{32\zeta_3 y^2}{3} \beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}1\\6\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{8\zeta_5 y}{5} \beta^{\text{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix}0\\4\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{4y^4 \zeta_3}{14175} - \frac{2\zeta_5 y^2}{675} , \qquad (5.15n)$$

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 2\\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}]} = 4096y^6 \beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0\\ 4 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{512\zeta_3 y^4}{3} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{32\zeta_5 y^2}{5} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{64y^5\zeta_3}{14175} - \frac{8y^3\zeta_5}{675} \,. \tag{5.150}$$

We emphasise that this reasoning does not rely on any MGF representation and can be applied at higher orders  $k_1 + k_2 \ge 12$ , where a basis of lattice sums may not be explicitly available. These results line up with the closed depth-two formula (4.28) modulo admixtures of lower depth and determine  $\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}$  via shuffle relations and (4.19).

In close analogy with (4.30), one can now solve (5.15) for the  $\overline{\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}$  and introduce the desired integration constants via (3.32). By comparing the purely holomorphic terms, we arrive at

$$\alpha[{}^{0\ 0}_{6\ 4}] = \alpha[{}^{1\ 0}_{6\ 4}] = \alpha[{}^{0\ 1}_{6\ 4}] = 0,$$
(5.16a)

$$\alpha[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0\\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}] = -\frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_3}{226800} - \frac{\zeta_3}{630}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] , \qquad (5.16b)$$

$$\alpha[{}^{1}_{6}{}^{1}_{4}] = \frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{151200} + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{420}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] , \qquad (5.16c)$$

$$\alpha[{}^{0}_{6}{}^{2}_{4}] = \frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{56700} - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{105}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{6}] , \qquad (5.16d)$$

$$\alpha[{}^{3}_{6}{}^{0}_{4}] = \frac{\pi^{2}\tau^{2}\zeta_{3}}{75600} - \frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{105}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{210}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4}] , \qquad (5.16e)$$

$$\alpha[{}^{2}_{6}{}^{1}_{4}] = -\frac{\pi^{2}\tau^{2}\zeta_{3}}{113400} + \frac{2i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{315}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{315}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4}] , \qquad (5.16f)$$

$$\alpha[{}^{1}_{6}{}^{2}_{4}] = -\frac{\pi^{2}\tau^{2}\zeta_{3}}{32400} - \frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{105}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] + \frac{\zeta_{3}}{210}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{4i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{6}] + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{6}] , \qquad (5.16g)$$

$$\alpha[\begin{smallmatrix}4&0\\6&4\end{smallmatrix}] = \frac{i\pi^3\tau^3\zeta_3}{28350} + \frac{4\pi^2\tau^2\zeta_3}{105}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix}0\\4\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{4i\pi\tau\zeta_3}{105}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix}1\\4\end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{\zeta_3}{105}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix}2\\4\end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_5}{900} + \frac{2\zeta_5}{5}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix}0\\4\end{smallmatrix}] , \quad (5.16h)$$

$$\alpha\begin{bmatrix}3 & 1\\ 6 & 4\end{bmatrix} = -\frac{i\pi^3\tau^3\zeta_3}{113400} - \frac{\pi^2\tau^2\zeta_3}{105}\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix}0\\ 4\end{bmatrix} - \frac{i\pi\tau\zeta_3}{105}\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix}1\\ 4\end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3}{420}\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix}2\\ 4\end{bmatrix},$$
(5.16i)

$$\alpha[{}^{2}_{6}{}^{2}_{4}] = -\frac{i\pi^{3}\tau^{3}\zeta_{3}}{18900} + \frac{2\pi^{2}\tau^{2}\zeta_{3}}{315}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] + \frac{2i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{315}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{\zeta_{3}}{630}\mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{4}] + \frac{8\pi^{2}\tau^{2}\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{6}] + \frac{8i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{6}] - \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{6}] , \qquad (5.16j)$$

$$\alpha[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 1\\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}] = -\frac{\pi^2 \tau^2 \zeta_5}{900} + \frac{4i\pi\tau\zeta_5}{5} \mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{2\zeta_5}{5} \mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] , \qquad (5.16k)$$

$$\alpha[{}^{3}_{6}{}^{2}_{4}] = \frac{\pi^{4}\tau^{4}\zeta_{3}}{11340} + \frac{16i\pi^{3}\tau^{3}\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{6}] - 8\pi^{2}\tau^{2}\zeta_{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{6}] - 4i\pi\tau\zeta_{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{2}_{6}] + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}[{}^{3}_{6}] , \qquad (5.161)$$

$$\alpha[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 2\\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}] = \frac{2i\pi^5\tau^5\zeta_3}{14175} - \frac{32\pi^4\tau^4\zeta_3}{3}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{64i\pi^3\tau^3\zeta_3}{3}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + 16\pi^2\tau^2\zeta_3\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{16i\pi\tau\zeta_3}{3}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 3\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{2\zeta_3}{3}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{i\pi^3\tau^3\zeta_5}{675} - \frac{8\pi^2\tau^2\zeta_5}{5}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{8i\pi\tau\zeta_5}{5}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{2\zeta_5}{5}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] - \frac{2\zeta_5}{5}\mathcal{E}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}] .$$
(5.16m)

Note that shuffle relations determine  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = -\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and manifestly *T*-invariant representations can be found in (G.7).

#### 5.5 Laplace equations of cusp forms

In this section, we discuss the Laplace equations of the extra basis MGFs corresponding to  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Their representatives (5.2) satisfy

$$(\Delta + 2)B_{2,3} = 4B'_{2,3} + 21E_{2,3} + \frac{3\left((\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3\right)}{2(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2} + 2\zeta_3E_2, \qquad (5.17a)$$

$$(\Delta - 16)B'_{2,3} = -14B_{2,3} + \frac{105}{2}E_{2,3} + 21E_2E_3 + 7\zeta_3E_2 - \frac{21}{40}\zeta_5, \qquad (5.17b)$$

as can be shown by combining their  $\beta^{sv}$  representations in (5.10) with the differential equations (3.14) obeyed by the  $\beta^{sv}$ .<sup>26</sup> This system can be diagonalised to

$$(\Delta - 12)(-B_{2,3} + B'_{2,3}) = \frac{63}{2}E_{2,3} + 21E_2E_3 + 5\zeta_3E_2 - \frac{21}{40}\zeta_5 \qquad (5.18a)$$
$$-\frac{3\left((\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3\right)}{2(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2},$$
$$(\Delta - 2)(-7B_{2,3} + 2B'_{2,3}) = -42E_{2,3} + 42E_2E_3 - \frac{21}{20}\zeta_5 \qquad (5.18b)$$
$$-\frac{21\left((\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3 - (\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3\right)}{2(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2}.$$

It is rewarding to rewrite these Laplace equations in terms of cusp forms, i.e. eliminate  $B'_{2,3}$  in favour of the three-column cusp form  $\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5}$  in the normalisation conventions of (5.6):

$$(\Delta - 12)\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5} = \frac{(\nabla E_3)\overline{\nabla}E_2 - (\overline{\nabla}E_3)\nabla E_2}{(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2}, \qquad (5.19a)$$

$$(\Delta - 2)B_{2,3} = 6\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5} - \frac{3((\nabla E_3)\overline{\nabla}E_2 - (\overline{\nabla}E_3)\nabla E_2)}{2(\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2}.$$
 (5.19b)

Note that (5.19a) is a special case of the Laplace equation among two-loop MGFs studied in [22]. The system (5.19) can be diagonalised through the following linear combination of cusp forms

$$(\Delta - 2) \left( B_{2,3} - \frac{3}{5} \mathcal{A}_{1,2;5} \right) = -\frac{21 \left( (\nabla E_3) \overline{\nabla} E_2 - (\overline{\nabla} E_3) \nabla E_2 \right)}{10 (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2} \,. \tag{5.20}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>To obtain these Laplace equations, one first expresses  $\overline{\nabla}B_{2,3}$  and  $\overline{\nabla}B'_{2,3}$  through a combination of  $\beta^{sv}$  as in (5.12) and then acts with  $\nabla$ . The resulting expression is then converted back into MGFs by using the inverse relations shown in e.g. (4.5) and appendix E.1. The same result can also be obtained by acting with the derivatives on the lattice sum representations of  $B_{2,3}$  and  $B'_{2,3}$  and decomposing the result into the basis summarised in table 1.

Even though they diagonalise the Laplacian,  $\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5}$  and  $B_{2,3} - \frac{3}{5}\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5}$  have not been chosen as basis elements in table 1 since their Cauchy-Riemann derivatives yield holomorphic Eisenstein series in earlier steps than  $B_{2,3}$  and  $B'_{2,3}$ , see (5.3).

# 6 Properties of the $\beta^{sv}$ and their generating series $Y_{\vec{n}}^{\tau}$

In this section, we study the central objects  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  in more detail. Based on the modular properties of their generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ , we will determine the  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  transformations of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and assign a modular weight modulo corrections by  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  of lower depth. This will be used to infer the counting of independent MGFs at various modular weights from the entries  $j_i, k_i$  of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  that occur in the expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . Finally, based on the transcendental weights of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and the accompanying combinations of y and MZVs, we prove that the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  is uniformly transcendental if the initial values  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  are.

#### 6.1 Modular properties

We first explore the modular properties of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  that can be written in more compact form than those of the  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ . The modular *T*- and *S*-transformation of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  will be inferred from their appearance (3.11) in the generating function  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . The torus-integral representation (2.8) of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and the modular properties (2.5) of its ingredients imply the  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  transformation

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\frac{\alpha\tau+\beta}{\gamma\tau+\delta}}(\sigma|\rho)\Big|_{\vec{\eta}_{j}\to\frac{\vec{\eta}_{j}}{(\gamma\tau+\delta)}}^{\eta_{j}\to(\gamma\bar{\tau}+\delta)\eta_{j}}=Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho).$$
(6.1)

The asymmetric transformation law for the  $\bar{\eta}_j$  and  $\eta_j$  stems from the different choices of arguments for  $\Omega$  and  $\overline{\Omega}$  in the definition (2.8) of the generating series  $Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$ . By the series expansion (3.11) of both sides of (6.1) in terms of  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$ , respectively, we can aim to infer the  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -properties of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ .

#### 6.1.1 *T*- and *S*-transformations

The *T*-modular transformation  $\tau \to \tau + 1$  is an invariance of both  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  and the operator  $\exp(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y})$  acting on the initial values  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  in (3.11). Hence, the *T*-invariance of the closed-string integrals can be transferred to the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ ,

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; \tau + 1 = \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; \tau \quad (6.2)$$

as is also evident from the explicit low-depth examples worked out in the previous sections.

Under an S-modular transformation  $\tau \to -1/\tau$ , by contrast, we also have to take into account the (asymmetric) transformation of the  $\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j$  and that the imaginary part  $\operatorname{Im} \tau = y/\pi$  appears explicitly in the operator  $\exp(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y})\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  in (3.11). Hence, the S-modular transformations of the  $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}$  can be obtained by inserting

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{-1/\tau} \Big|_{\bar{\eta}_{j} \to \bar{\eta}_{j}/\bar{\tau}}^{\eta_{j} \to \bar{\tau}\eta_{j}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{k_{1}, \dots, k_{\ell} \\ =4,6,8, \dots}} \sum_{j_{1}=0}^{k_{1}-2} \sum_{j_{2}=0}^{k_{2}-2} \dots \sum_{j_{\ell}=0}^{k_{\ell}-2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j_{i}}(k_{i}-1)}{(k_{i}-j_{i}-2)!} \right) \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \Big[ \frac{j_{1}}{k_{1}} \frac{j_{2}}{k_{2}} \dots \frac{j_{\ell}}{k_{\ell}}; -\frac{1}{\tau} \Big]$$

$$\times R_{\vec{\eta}} \left( \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell - j_\ell - 2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_2 - j_2 - 2}(\epsilon_{k_2}) \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1 - j_1 - 2}(\epsilon_{k_1}) \right)$$

$$\times \exp\left( -|\tau|^2 \frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y} \right) \widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty} \left|_{\bar{\eta}_j \to \bar{\eta}_j/\bar{\tau}}^{\eta_j \to \bar{\eta}_j/\bar{\tau}} \right)$$

$$(6.3)$$

into the left-hand side of (6.1), where the substitution on the  $\eta$  variables applies to all occurrences on the right-hand side of (6.3).

Once a given instance of  $\beta^{sv}$  has been expressed in terms of MGFs, its *S*-modular properties can alternatively be inferred from the well-known transformation laws of the MGFs. Both approaches lead to the following exemplary transformations of the  $\beta^{sv}$ :

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\4; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \bar{\tau}^2 \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\4; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3}{24y^2} (\tau^2 - 1) \right\}, \tag{6.4a}$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\4; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\4; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3 (|\tau|^2 - 1)}{6y}, \qquad (6.4b)$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\4; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}^2} \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\4; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} (\bar{\tau}^2 - 1) \right\}, \tag{6.4c}$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau} = \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} (\bar{\tau}^2 - 1) \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + \frac{5\zeta_5 (|\tau|^2 - 1)}{216y} + \frac{\zeta_3^2 (1 - 2\bar{\tau}^2 + |\tau|^4)}{72y^2}, \tag{6.4d}$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau} = \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + \frac{\zeta_5 \left(\tau^3 \bar{\tau} - 1\right)}{160y^3} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau - \frac{\zeta_3^2 \left(|\tau|^2 - 1\right)}{2520y} - \frac{7\zeta_7 \left(|\tau|^4 - 1\right)}{3840y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 \zeta_5 \left(|\tau|^6 - 2\tau^3 \bar{\tau} + 1\right)}{480y^3}.$$
(6.4e)

Based on the general relations (4.10) and (4.11) to non-holomorphic Eisenstein series, modular S-transformations at depth one can be given in closed form

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau} = \bar{\tau}^{k-2-2j} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}; \tau = \frac{2\zeta_{k-1} \bar{\tau}^{k-2-2j}}{(k-1)(4y)^{k-2-j}} + \frac{2\zeta_{k-1} |\tau|^{2(k-2-j)}}{(k-1)(4y)^{k-2-j}}, \qquad (6.5)$$

and their analogues at depth two and  $k_1 + k_2 \leq 10$  can be found in appendix F.

One important immediate consequence of (6.3) is that the maximal-depth term of any S-modular transformation is

$$\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$= \bar{\tau}^{-2\ell - 2(j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_\ell) + k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_\ell} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; \tau \text{ mod depth } \leq \ell - 1,$$
(6.6)

where the terms of subleading depth are illustrated by the examples in (6.4). This follows from taking the terms without MZVs in the initial values which determine the maximaldepth contributions and whose two- and three-point instances  $\hat{Y}_{\eta}^{i\infty} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\eta\bar{\eta}} - \frac{2\pi i}{s_{12}}$  and (3.21) are invariant under  $\eta_j \rightarrow \bar{\tau}\eta_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j \rightarrow \frac{\bar{\eta}_j}{\bar{\tau}}$ . These terms in the initial values are annihilated by  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)$  and therefore unaffected by its exponential. Hence, for the analysis of maximal-depth terms, it is sufficient to consider the rescaling of the  $\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j$  in the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_i-j_i-2}(\epsilon_{k_i}))$  in (6.3) that have finite adjoint powers of  $\epsilon_0$ . Referring back to section 2.4, we see that  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k) \sim s_{ij}\eta_j^{k-2}$  picks up a factor of  $\bar{\tau}^{k-2}$  under the transformation  $(\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_k) \to (\bar{\tau}\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j/\bar{\tau})$  of (6.3). In particular, since  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)$  picks up a factor of  $\bar{\tau}^{-2}$ , the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_i-j_i-2}(\epsilon_{k_i}))$  in (6.3) transform by  $\bar{\tau}^{2+2j_i-k_i}$ .

Demanding the maximal-depth terms in the S-transformation of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  to cancel all of these factors or  $\bar{\tau}^{2+2j_i-k_i}$  leads to (6.6). The argument is based on the modular invariance of the terms in  $\hat{Y}_{\bar{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  without MZVs which amounts to invariance under  $\eta_j \to \bar{\tau}\eta_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j \to \frac{\bar{\eta}_j}{\bar{\tau}}$ . This is manifest in the two- and three-point examples and we present a conjecture for the MZV-free part of  $\hat{Y}_{\bar{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  for n=4 in appendix D. The modular transformation (6.6) is thus firmly established for the combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  that occur in the  $Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau}$ -series at  $(n\leq 3)$  points. Since the counting of independent MGFs in the next subsection will rely on (6.6), we have checked that all the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  entering the weights under consideration there and admitted by the derivation algebra do occur in the three-point  $Y_{\bar{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . Our counting of MGFs in this work is therefore not tied to conjectural properties of  $(n\geq 4)$ -point initial values.

As a consequence of (6.6), even though the  $\beta^{sv}$  are not genuine modular forms, they can be assigned leading modular weights given by

$$\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \text{`modular weight'} \quad \left(0, -2\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (k_i - 2j_i)\right) \mod \operatorname{depth} \leq \ell - 1,$$

$$(6.7)$$

and these will be the modular weights of MGFs associated with the given  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  as their leading-depth contributions. In order to compensate for the lower-depth corrections to the transformation (6.6) and attain a genuine modular form, expressions like (4.7d), (4.9) for MGFs comprise a tail of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  of lower depth. Note that there are only non-holomorphic weights just as for the component integrals in (2.13) as the generating function  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  was rescaled by Im  $\tau$  to absorb all holomorphic modular weights.

#### 6.1.2 A caveat from the derivation-algebra relations

An important qualification of the above arguments is that the derivation-algebra relations such as (2.43) imply that the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  will not contain each possible  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  with  $j_i \leq k_i - 2$  individually but certain combinations always appear together. The first instance of this implied by (2.43) occurs at  $\ell = 2$ ,  $k_1 + k_2 = 14$  and was spelt out in (3.17). Therefore, even though  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  has a perfectly well-defined modular transformation given by (6.1), this does not uniquely fix the modular behaviour of all the individual  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . Instead, from weight  $\sum_i k_i \geq 14$  onward, only the specific combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  realised in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ (see for instance (3.17)) have to obey the modular properties (6.2) and (6.6). In principle, there is the freedom for the individual  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  in these combinations to depart from the above T- and S-transformations, as long as these departures cancel from the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ .

Fortunately, this ambiguity does not affect the closed-string integrals or the MGFs in its  $\alpha'$ -expansion. For the combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  that drop out from  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  (and therefore all component integrals) by derivation-algebra relations, we do not need or give an independent definition in this work.<sup>27</sup> Hence, (6.6) can be used as an effective modular transformation that holds for all combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  relevant to this work. When studying the implications on MGFs in the next section, the dropouts of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  at given  $\sum_i j_i$  and  $\sum_i k_i$  will be taken into account, so the counting of MGFs can be safely based on (6.6) and the relations in the derivation algebra.

# 6.2 Counting of modular graph forms

The modular properties (6.6) of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  can be used to count the number of independent MGFs of a given weight. This will lend further support to our basis of MGFs in table 1. The modular weights  $(w, \bar{w})$  of general lattice sums  $C_{\Gamma}\begin{bmatrix} A\\ B \end{bmatrix}$  (cf. (2.19)) are related to the entries of the highest-depth terms  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell\\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  in their integral representation via

$$w + \bar{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} k_i, \qquad w - \bar{w} = 2\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (2j_i - k_i).$$
(6.8)

Note that our convention of modular weights is implied by the lattice-sum conventions (2.16) and differs by the factor of  $(\frac{\text{Im} \tau}{\pi})^{\frac{1}{2}(w+\bar{w})}$  from [9, 13, 22].

While the second correspondence involving  $w-\bar{w}$  is simply a consequence of (6.7), the first one  $w+\bar{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} k_i$  requires further justification since  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} a & \cdots \\ b & \cdots \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\operatorname{Im} \tau \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} a+1 & \cdots \\ b+1 & \cdots \end{bmatrix}$  have the same total modular weight. It can be understood by comparing the integral-representation (2.8) of  $Y_{\vec{n}}^{\tau}$  with its  $\alpha'$ -expansion (3.11) in terms of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ .

The integrals can be performed order by order in  $\alpha'$  and  $\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j$ , where the lattice-sum representations (A.2) of  $G(z,\tau), f^{(k)}(z,\tau)$  and  $\overline{f^{(k)}(z,\tau)}$  yield MGFs such as  $\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_R\\b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_R\end{bmatrix}$  and higher graph topologies [21]. The respective contributions to the expansion variables and the modular weights of the lattice sums are

$$G(z,\tau) \iff s_{ij} \& \text{ modular weights } (1,1)$$

$$f^{(k)}(z,\tau) \iff (\eta_j)^k \& \text{ modular weights } (k,0)$$

$$\overline{f^{(k)}(z,\tau)} \iff (\bar{\eta}_j)^k \& \text{ modular weights } (0,k).$$
(6.9)

We are disregarding powers of Im  $\tau$  and overall prefactors  $\sim (\eta_j \bar{\eta}_j)^{1-n}$  of the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ , i.e. the modular weight (1, 1) of the Green function refers to its contributions to the entries of  $\mathcal{C}[\cdots]$ .

In the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (3.11), in turn, the correlation between powers of  $s_{ij}, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j$  and the entries of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  is governed by the derivations. Their homogeneity degrees are  $R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_0) \sim s_{ij}/\eta_j^2 + \bar{\eta}_j/\eta_j$  and  $R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_k) \sim s_{ij}\eta_j^{k-2}$ , which correspond to modular weights  $R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_0) \leftrightarrow$ (-1, 1) and  $R_{\bar{\eta}}(\epsilon_k) \leftrightarrow (k-1, 1)$  from the lattice-sum viewpoint (6.9). Hence, the  $(s_{ij}, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j)$ counting of any operator  $R_{\bar{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j \epsilon_k)$  is the same as having an extra  $w + \bar{w} = k$  in lattice sums, regardless of the power j of  $\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}$ . This explains why  $w + \bar{w}$  has to grow with  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} k_i$ .

Finally, the absence of a  $k_i$ -independent offset  $w + \bar{w} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} k_i$  can be checked by comparing the overall powers of  $(s_{ij}, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j)$  in the initial value  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{n}}^{i\infty}$  and the integral

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>For combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  that drop out from the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (3.11), we cannot determine the antiholomorphic integration constants from the reality properties (2.15) of component integrals either.

representation of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ . This is most conveniently done by noting the low-energy limit  $Y_{(0,...,0|0,...,0)}^{\tau}(\sigma|\rho) = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$  of the simplest component integral at the leading order  $\sim (\eta_j \bar{\eta}_j)^{1-n}$ .

On these grounds, we will perform a counting of independent MGFs on the basis of (6.8) in the rest of this section. Our counting only refers to MGFs that do not evaluate to MZVs or products involving MZVs or holomorphic Eisenstein series. We explain our methods in most detail for modular invariant objects, where we also distinguish between real and imaginary invariants, but these methods also cover weights  $(w, \bar{w})$  with  $w \neq \bar{w}$ that we list in table 2. For all the values of  $(w, \bar{w})$  where we perform the counting below we have verified explicitly that the relevant action of the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  on the MZV-free part of  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  at three points does not produce accidental linear dependences. Hence, (6.7) is firmly established in these cases, and the counting is accurate.

## 6.2.1 Reviewing weight $w + \bar{w} \leq 8$

Up to total weight  $\sum_i k_i < 8$  the only possible basis elements stem from  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  of depth one. At fixed k, each choice of  $0 \le j \le k-2$  leads to a different modular weight according to (6.7). This is in agreement with table 1 featuring only a single basis element for all total weights  $w + \bar{w} < 8$ . For instance, modular invariants are obtained for  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  whenever  $j = \frac{k-2}{2}$ , and they are related to the  $E_{k/2}$  shown in the  $(\frac{k}{2}, \frac{k}{2})$  rows of table 1, see also the explicit formula (4.8).

Starting from lattice sums of total weight  $w + \bar{w} = 8$ , there can also be invariant combinations of depth-two  $\beta^{sv}$ . The condition for modular invariance implied by (6.6) becomes

$$\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2\\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{weight} \ (0,0) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 2 = j_1 + j_2 \,, \quad 0 \le j_1, j_2 \le 2 \,, \tag{6.10}$$

and there are three solutions to this condition given by  $(j_1, j_2) \in \{(0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)\}$ , leading to three additional modular invariants of total weight 8 besides  $E_4$ . Two linear combinations of such  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} |_{j_1+j_2=2}$  can be realised by the shuffles  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}^2$  and  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  which correspond to  $E_2^2$  and  $(\nabla E_2) \overline{\nabla} E_2$  by (4.5a).<sup>28</sup> Hence, there is a single shuffle-irreducible modular invariant at depth two which can be chosen to be  $E_{2,2}$ , expressed through  $\beta^{sv}$  in (4.7c). Together with  $E_4 \leftrightarrow \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$  at depth one, this reasoning agrees with the total of four entries at weight (4, 4) in table 1.

The same counting strategy can be applied at non-zero modular weight. Let us consider the example of  $(w, \bar{w}) = (5, 3)$  in table 1 which translates into modular weight (0, -2) after multiplication by  $(\operatorname{Im} \tau)^5$ . The relevant  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  at depth two with antiholomorphic weight -2 have  $j_1+j_2 = 3$  by (6.7) and this leaves the two options  $(j_1, j_2) \in \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ . One of them is the shuffle  $\operatorname{E}_2 \nabla \operatorname{E}_2$ , and the irreducible representative is  $\nabla \operatorname{E}_{2,2}$ , see (4.7c). The connection with the irreducible modular invariant  $\operatorname{E}_{2,2}$  can be anticipated by comparing the differential equation (3.16b) of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  with the equations satisfied by the MGFs.

In general, the appearance of holomorphic Eisenstein series in Cauchy-Riemann derivatives or relations to shuffles as in  $\nabla^2 E_{2,2} = -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla E_2)^2$  implies that the number of basis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>For ease of notation, we will suppress here and in the following the overall factors of  $(\text{Im }\tau)^{\#}$ . They are always implicit and understood to be such that the holomorphic modular weight vanishes, cf. (6.7). Therefore,  $(\text{Im }\tau)^{-2}(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_2$  will be just written as  $(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_2$ .

MGFs with weights (w+k, w-k) decreases with |k|. An overview of the numbers of MGFs and irreducible representatives at  $w+\bar{w} \leq 14$  can be found in table 2 below.

# 6.2.2 Reviewing weight $w + \bar{w} = 10$

Continuing to total weight 10, there are now additional possibilities at depth two coming from  $(k_1, k_2) = (4, 6)$  or (6, 4). The condition for modular invariant  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ becomes  $j_1+j_2 = 3$  (with  $0 \le j_1 \le 2$  and  $0 \le j_2 \le 4$ ). Both cases lead to three solutions each, and thus there is a total of six modular invariants contributing to the lattice sums of weights  $(w, \bar{w}) = (5, 5)$  that can be expressed through depth-two  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . Together with the single contribution  $E_5 \leftrightarrow \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$  from depth one, we find seven modular invariant combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  which matches the number of basis elements in the (5, 5) sector in table 1.

Three combinations of the modular invariant  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2\\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1\\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  can be realised as a shuffle of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 3-j\\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  with j = 0, 1, 2. This translates into modular invariant products  $E_2E_3$ ,  $(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3$ ,  $(\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_3$  and leaves three irreducible modular invariants at depth two that can be chosen to be  $E_{2,3}$  and  $B_{2,3}, B'_{2,3}$  in table 1, see (4.7d) and (5.10) for their expressions in terms of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . Alternatively, one can trade  $B_{2,3}, B'_{2,3}$  for the imaginary cusp forms  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and organise the modular invariants according to their reality properties: three real basis elements  $E_2E_3$ ,  $\text{Re}[(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_3]$ ,  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (two of them irreducible).

The counting of real and imaginary forms can also be obtained based on the reality properties (4.19) and (4.28) of the  $\beta^{sv}$ : in the modular-invariant case, complex conjugation is only an operation on the labels of the  $\beta^{sv}$  at leading order in depth. Therefore one has to form combinations of the  $\beta^{sv}$  that are mapped to themselves or minus themselves under complex conjugation. For instance, since

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}} = \beta^{\mathrm{sv}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{modulo lower depth}, \tag{6.11}$$

the combinations  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \pm \beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  give real and imaginary MGFs modulo lower depth, respectively. See e.g. the real E<sub>2.3</sub> in (4.7d) and the imaginary cusp form B<sub>2.3</sub> in (5.10a).

The analogous counting of MGFs with  $w+\bar{w}=10$  and  $w\neq\bar{w}$  based on the  $\beta^{\rm sv}$  can be found in table 2 below.

## 6.2.3 Predictions for weight $w + \bar{w} = 12$

For lattice sums of weight  $w+\bar{w} = 12$ , a basis of 19 modular invariants can be anticipated from  $\beta^{sv}$  at depth  $\ell = 1, 2, 3$ :

- (i) a single depth-one invariant  $E_6 \leftrightarrow \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 5\\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$
- (ii) 5 depth-two invariants  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 + j_2 = 4$  and  $0 \le j_1, j_2 \le 4$
- (iii) 6 depth-two invariants  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \& \beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1+j_2 = 4$  and  $0 \le j_1 \le 2 \& 0 \le j_2 \le 6$
- (iv) 7 depth-three invariants  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 + j_2 + j_3 = 3$  and  $0 \le j_i \le 2$

We will analyse the shuffle- and reality properties separately in each sector (ii), (iii), (iv) and connect with known irreducible modular graph functions.

Sector (ii) comprises three shuffle  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 6 \end{bmatrix}^2$ ,  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  that correspond to  $E_3^2$ ,  $(\nabla E_3)\overline{\nabla} E_3$  and  $(\nabla^2 E_3)\overline{\nabla}^2 E_3$  according to (4.5). This leaves two irreducibles which can be taken to be the quantities

$$E_{3,3} = 450\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0\\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 180\zeta_5\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_7}{16y} - \frac{7\zeta_9}{64y^3} + \frac{9\zeta_5^2}{64y^4}, \qquad (6.12)$$

$$E'_{3,3} = 120(\beta^{sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0\\ 6 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}] - \beta^{sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 1\\ 6 & 6 \end{smallmatrix}]) - 48\zeta_5\beta^{sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{12\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}] + \frac{3\zeta_7}{160y} - \frac{7\zeta_9}{480y^3}$$
(6.13)

corresponding to the lattice sums (2.24c) and (2.24d). The  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  representations have been inferred from the differential equations [17] and the Laurent polynomials [13] of the real MGFs  $E_{3,3}$  and  $E'_{3,3}$ .

Sector (iii) also admits three shuffles  $\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{0}{4}]\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{4}{8}]$ ,  $\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{1}{4}]\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{3}{8}]$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{4}]\beta^{\text{sv}}[\frac{2}{8}]$  corresponding to  $(\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_4$ ,  $E_2E_4$  and  $(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_4$ , respectively. Two of them are real  $E_2E_4$ ,  $\text{Re}[(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_4]$  whereas a third one  $\text{Im}[(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_4]$  is imaginary. The remaining three invariants are shuffle irreducible, and one real representative

$$E_{2,4} = -5670\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 5670\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + 3780\zeta_3\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{405\zeta_7}{4y^2}\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{9\zeta_7}{80y} + \frac{25\zeta_9}{8y^3} - \frac{135\zeta_3\zeta_7}{32y^4}$$
(6.14)

corresponds to the lattice sum given in (2.24e). As will be argued below, the remaining two shuffle irreducibles can be chosen to be imaginary.

Sector (iv) admits 2+3 shuffles  $E_2^3$ ,  $E_2(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_2$  and  $E_2E_{2,2}$ ,  $(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_{2,2}$ ,  $(\overline{\nabla}E_2)\nabla E_{2,2}$ . Among the leftover two shuffle-irreducibles, one real representative

$$E_{2,2,2} = -216\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 144\zeta_3\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 10\zeta_5\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \frac{12\zeta_3^2}{y}\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{30} + \frac{661\zeta_7}{1800y} - \frac{5\zeta_3\zeta_5}{12y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^3}{6y^3}$$
(6.15)

corresponds to the lattice sum (2.24f). As will be argued below, the second shuffle irreducible is imaginary.

In order to anticipate the number of real and imaginary irreducible modular invariants, the known types of relations among MGFs have been exhaustively applied to all dihedral and trihedral graph topologies at weights  $(w, \bar{w}) = (6, 6)$  [84]. The solution to the large equation system identifies 14 real and 5 imaginary independent modular invariants, again excluding MZVs and  $G_k$  from our counting conventions. Given that modular invariant combinations of the known  $E_{...}$  already exhaust the 14 real invariants, the remaining shuffle irreducibles must admit imaginary representatives. This conclusion lends support to extending the reality properties of the  $\beta^{sv}$  given in (4.28) beyond  $k_1+k_2 > 10$ , and it is tempting to extrapolate it to arbitrary depth

$$\overline{\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}} = (4y)^{2\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (2j_i - k_i)} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} k_\ell - 2 - j_\ell & \dots & k_2 - 2 - j_2 & k_1 - 2 - j_1 \\ k_\ell & \dots & k_2 & k_1 \end{bmatrix} \mod \text{depth} \le \ell - 1.$$
(6.16)

This conjecture leads to the same counting of imaginary representatives, and the power of 4y therein vanishes exactly if the modular weight of  $\beta^{sv}$  in (6.7) does.

Hence, the 5 imaginary invariants at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (6, 6)$  are  $\text{Im}[(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_4]$ , Im $[(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_{2,2}]$ , two irreducible cusp forms from (iii) and one irreducible cusp form from (iv). The paper [22] identified two cusp forms at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (6, 6)$  among the two-loop graphs on the worldsheet. Accordingly, three out of the five cusp forms in our counting must require lattice sums associated with  $(L \geq 3)$ -loop graphs. Indeed, a detailed analysis of the relations between dihedral and trihedral MGFs suggests that  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$ ,  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}]$ and  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}]$  qualify as a basis of shuffle-irreducible cusp forms at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (6, 6)$ , and Im $[(\nabla E_2)\overline{\nabla}E_{2,2}]$  also exceeds the two-loop graphs when written in terms of lattice sums.

In summary, the 19 modular invariant lattice sums of weight  $(w, \bar{w}) = (6, 6)$  comprise 11 shuffles (3 from (ii), 3 from (iii) and 5 from (iv)) and 8 shuffle irreducibles. The irreducibles admit 5 real representatives known in the literature (E<sub>6</sub> from (i), E<sub>3,3</sub>, E'<sub>3,3</sub> from (ii), E<sub>2,4</sub> from (iii), E<sub>2,2,2</sub> from (iv)) and 3 imaginary cusp forms (two from (iii) and one from (iv)) generalising  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}]$ ,  $\mathcal{A}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}]$  described in section 5.

The analogous counting of MGFs with  $w+\bar{w} = 12$  and  $w \neq \bar{w}$  can be found in table 2 below.

## 6.2.4 Weight $w + \bar{w} = 14$ and the derivation algebra

By extending the above counting method to weight  $w+\bar{w} = 14$ , one is naïvely led to 44 modular invariants (26 of them shuffles). If all the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  were realised independently in the expansion (3.11) of  $Y_{\vec{n}}^{\tau}$ , the total of 44 would arise from the following sectors:

- (a) a single depth-one invariant  $E_7 \leftrightarrow \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 6\\ 14 \end{bmatrix}$
- (b) 6 depth-two invariants  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \& \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1 \\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 + j_2 = 5$  and  $0 \le j_1 \le 2$  and  $0 \le j_2 \le 8$
- (c) 10 depth-two invariants  $\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \& \beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1 \\ 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 + j_2 = 5$  and  $0 \le j_1 \le 4$  and  $0 \le j_2 \le 6$
- (d) 27 depth-three invariants  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ 6 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 + j_2 + j_3 = 4$  and  $0 \le j_1 \le 4$  as well as  $0 \le j_2, j_3 \le 2$  and permutations of  $(k_1, k_2, k_3)$

However, weight  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} k_i = 14$  is the first instance where the derivation algebra exhibits relations beyond the nilpotency properties in (2.41) that we have already used in the derivation of (3.11). The simplest instance was exhibited in (3.17), see also appendix C.4 for a representation of the MGF D<sub>7</sub> at  $w + \bar{w} = 14$  in terms of  $\beta^{sv}$ .

More generally, the relation (2.43) implies additional relations under the adjoint  $\epsilon_0$  action according to<sup>29</sup>

$$0 = R_{\vec{\eta}} \left[ \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^j \left( \left[ \epsilon_{10}, \epsilon_4 \right] - 3 \left[ \epsilon_8, \epsilon_6 \right] \right) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^j \binom{j}{r} R_{\vec{\eta}} \left( \left[ \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^r(\epsilon_{10}), \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j-r}(\epsilon_4) \right] - 3 \left[ \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^r(\epsilon_8), \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j-r}(\epsilon_6) \right] \right),$$
(6.17)

 $^{29}\mathrm{We}$  have checked that more general relations of the form

 $\left(R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)\right)^{j_1}\left(\left[R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{10}), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_4)\right] - 3\left[R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_8), R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_6)\right]\right)\left(R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)\right)^{j_2} = 0,$ 

do not yield any further relations among the operators  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j_1}(\epsilon_{k_1})\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j_2}(\epsilon_{k_2}))$  in the expansion (3.11) of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ .

and similar relations arise at higher weight and depth, see (2.42) and [41, 79, 80]. In passing to the second line, we have rewritten the relation in terms of the quantities  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j_1}(\epsilon_{k_1})\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{j_2}(\epsilon_{k_2}))$  that occur in the expansion (3.11) of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  (setting  $j \leq 10$  in (6.17) and using  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k-1}(\epsilon_k)) = 0$ ). As a consequence, the  $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}$  in the sectors (b) and (c) cannot all appear independently in the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  of MGFs.

More specifically, (6.17) implies exactly one dropout among the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $k_1+k_2 = 14$  for each value  $j = j_1+j_2$  with  $0 \leq j \leq 10$ . At j = 5, this reduces the total number of independent modular invariants with weight  $(w, \bar{w}) = (7, 7)$  by one, leading to 43 rather than 44. The commutators in (6.17) imply that this reduction affects the shuffle-irreducible MGFs, and the dropout at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (7, 7)$  concerns an imaginary modular invariant when the combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  are organised into real and imaginary ones. Further details and the analogous counting of forms with  $w \neq \bar{w}$  can be found in table 2. We have checked that all  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  noted in the MGF-column of the table occur in the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ -series at three points (without accidental dropouts) and are therefore known to satisfy (6.6) without relying on the conjectural four-point data from appendix D. The conjectural relation (6.16) implies that the basis at  $(w, \bar{w}) = (7, 7)$  can be spanned by 24 real and 19 imaginary invariants.<sup>30</sup> It would be interesting to study at the level of the Laurent polynomials if our basis of real MGFs at this weight contains a cusp form.

## 6.2.5 Weight $w + \bar{w} \ge 16$ and the derivation algebra

We have not performed a similarly detailed analysis at higher weight and only offer some general comments. At weight  $w+\bar{w} = 16$ , similar dropouts in the naïve count of MGFs via  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  arise from the depth-three relation (2.42c), obstructing for instance the independent appearance of all the  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $0 \leq j_1 \leq 6$  and  $0 \leq j_2, j_3 \leq 2$ . In case of modular invariants with  $w = \bar{w} = 8$ , this leads to the dropout of a real MGF, leaving in total 108 MGFs, out of which 42 are imaginary cusp forms.

Weight  $w + \bar{w} = 18$  even allows for three sources of dropouts:

- the irreducible depth-two relation (2.42b) involving  $(k_i, k_j) \in \{(4, 14), (6, 12), (8, 10)\}$
- left- and right-multiplication of the  $(k_1+k_2=14)$ -relation (2.42a) by a single  $\epsilon_4$  and arbitrary powers of  $\epsilon_0$
- an irreducible depth-four relation first seen in [80] and available for download at [81]

The systematics of relations in the derivation algebra is governed by the counting of holomorphic cusp forms [80]. The propagation of irreducible relations to higher depth and weight by multiplication with additional  $\epsilon_k$  has been discussed in detail in [41]. The latter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>As an immediate consequence of (6.16), we have a single real invariant  $E_7$  in sector (a) as well as 15 real and 12 imaginary invariants in sector (d). The sectors (b) and (c) are coupled through the relations (6.17) in the derivation algebra. It follows from (6.16) that the 15 independent instances of  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(ad_{\epsilon_0}^{j_1}(\epsilon_{k_1})ad_{\epsilon_0}^{j_2}(\epsilon_{k_2}))$  in (3.11) are accompanied by 8 real and 7 imaginary linear combinations of  $\beta^{sv}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{sv}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{sv}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{sv}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1\\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta^{sv}\begin{bmatrix} j_2 & j_1\\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  at  $j_1+j_2=5$ .

weight	$\# \ \beta^{\rm sv}$	$\#~{\rm MGFs}$	of which shuffle irred.	real MGFs	imag. MGFs
(2,2)	1	1	1	1	0
(3,1)	1	1	1	_	_
(3,3)	1	1	1	1	0
(4,2)	1	1	1	—	_
(5,1)	1	1	1	—	_
(4,4)	4	4	2	4	0
(5,3)	3	3	2	_	_
(6,2)	2	2	1	_	_
(7,1)	1	1	1	_	_
(5,5)	7	7	4	4	3
(6,4)	7	7	4	_	_
(7,3)	5	5	3	_	_
(8,2)	3	3	2	_	_
(9,1)	1	1	1	_	_
(6,6)	19	19	8	14	5
(7,5)	17	17	8	_	_
(8,4)	13	13	6	_	_
(9,3)	8	8	4	_	_
(10,2)	4	4	2	_	_
(11,1)	1	1	1	_	_
(7,7)	44	43	17	24	19
(8,6)	41	40	16	_	—
(9,5)	33	32	13	_	—
(10,4)	22	21	9	_	—
(11,3)	12	11	5	_	—
(12,2)	5	4	2	_	_
(13,1)	1	1	1	_	_

reference is dedicated to classifying relations among elliptic MZVs and counting their irreducible representatives at various lengths and depths. In this way [41] can be viewed as the open-string prototype of the present counting of MGFs.

#### 6.2.6 Depth versus graph data

We emphasise that the above counting of MGFs applies to closed-string integrals of arbitrary multiplicity and therefore to arbitrary graph topologies. The reason is that the  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  were assumed to obey no further relations besides those in the derivation algebra, i.e. multiplicity-specific relations such as commutativity of the  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_{k\geq 4})$  at two points were disregarded.

Our bases of MGFs at  $w+\bar{w} \leq 10$  and  $(w,\bar{w}) = (6,6)$  as well as  $(w,\bar{w}) = (7,5)$ were built from dihedral representatives (2.16). Hence, the results of this section imply that any MGF at these weights associated with arbitrarily complicated graph topologies can be reduced to dihedral MGFs (possibly with Q-linear combinations of MZVs in their coefficients), extending the explicit calculations for dihedral and trihedral graphs in [84]. It would be interesting to determine the first combination of weights, where the appearance of a trihedral basis MGF is inevitable.

We have not found any general correlation between the loop order of an MGF and the maximum depth of the associated  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . On the one hand, one-loop MGFs (2.21) are still in one-to-one correspondence with  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  at depth one by (4.9). On the other hand, a basis of MGFs with  $w + \bar{w} = 10$  requires at least one three-loop graph (e.g.  $\mathcal{A}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ) while the associated  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  cannot exceed depth two. Up to  $w + \bar{w} = 12$  all examples satisfy that the loop order of an irreducible  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  of depth  $\ell$  is at least  $\ell$ , i.e., the depth of an irreducible  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  appears to be a lower bound for the loop order.

#### 6.3 Towards uniform transcendentality

This section is dedicated to the transcendentality properties of the generating series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  that become manifest from our results. We will show that the component integrals (2.11) are uniformly transcendental provided that the same is true for the initial values<sup>31</sup>  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$ . In other words, the matrix- and operator-valued series

$$\Lambda_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{k_1,k_2,\dots,k_\ell \\ =4,6,8,\dots}} \sum_{j_1=0}^{k_1-2} \sum_{j_2=0}^{k_2-2} \dots \sum_{j_\ell=0}^{k_\ell-2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{j_i}(k_i-1)}{(k_i-j_i-2)!} \right) \mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}; \tau \quad (6.18)$$

$$\times \exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right) R_{\vec{\eta}} \left( \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell-j_\ell-2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_2-j_2-2}(\epsilon_{k_2}) \operatorname{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1-j_1-2}(\epsilon_{k_1}) \right)$$

relating  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} = \Lambda_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  by (3.8) will be demonstrated to enjoy uniform transcendentality. Our reasoning closely follows the lines of section 7.1 in [39], where the open-string analogues of the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  are shown to be uniformly transcendental.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>It will be the main goal of [51] to express the initial values  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  in terms of uniformly transcendental sphere integrals as done in (4.1) and (4.2) for the two-point example.

# 6.3.1 Weight assignments and uniform transcendentality of the generating series

We assign the following transcendental weights to the *holomorphic* building blocks in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of open- and closed-string integrals,

quantity	$\zeta_{n_1,n_2,\dots,n_r}$	$\pi$	$\mathcal{E}igg[ egin{smallmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & & j_\ell \ k_1 & k_2 & & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$	τ
transcendental weight	$\sum_{j=1}^{r} n_j$	1	$\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} j_i$	0

leading to weight 0 for  $\nabla$  and for instance weight  $j_1+1$  for  $\mathcal{E} \begin{vmatrix} j_1 \\ k_1 \end{vmatrix}$ .

Moreover, complex conjugation is taken to preserve the weight, which leads to weight 0 for  $\bar{\tau}$ , weight 1 for y and weight  $\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} j_i$  for  $\overline{\mathcal{E}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$ . The weights of the holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals are inherited from those of elliptic MZVs [41].

In order to infer the weight of the real-analytic  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (6.18), we first note that their building blocks  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  involving only holomorphic  $\mathcal{E}[\dots]$  have transcendental weight  $\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} j_i$  as is manifest in their representation (3.26). We will demonstrate in section 6.3.2 that this propagates to the antiholomorphic integration constants  $\overline{f}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$  in the decomposition (3.27) of  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$ . With these definitions we will show that the component integrals carry uniform trans

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$$Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,\dots,a_n|b_2,\dots,b_n)}(\sigma|\rho) \text{ at order } \alpha'^w \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{transcendental weight } w + \sum_{j=2}^n a_j \,.$$
 (6.19)

In order to give a uniform transcendental weight to the whole generating series  $Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}$  we have to assign

$$s_{ij}, \eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{transcendental weight } -1 \;.$$
 (6.20)

With this convention and the inverse factors of  $(2\pi i)$  in the definition (2.11) of component integrals, (6.19) is equivalent to having

claim:  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \iff \text{transcendental weight } 2(n-1)$  (6.21)

for the generating series at n points. This will be shown under the assumption that the initial data has uniform transcendental weight,

assumption: 
$$\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty} \longleftrightarrow$$
 transcendental weight  $2(n-1)$ . (6.22)

## 6.3.2 Transcendentality of the series in $\beta^{sv}$

We start by inspecting the constituents of the series  $\Lambda_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  in (6.18). By the homogeneity degrees  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0) \sim s_{ij}/\eta_j^2 + 2\pi i \bar{\eta}_j/\eta_j$  and  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_{k\geq 4}) \sim s_{ij}\eta_j^{k-2}$  of the derivations in section 2.4 and appendix B, we get

$$R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{transcendental weight } 1-k \,, \quad k \ge 0 \,.$$
 (6.23)

As an immediate consequence, the operators in the series (6.18) are assigned

$$\exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{transcendental weight } 0 \tag{6.24}$$
$$R_{\vec{\eta}}\left(\mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k-j-2}(\epsilon_k)\right) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{transcendental weight } -(j+1) \; .$$

Hence, the transcendental weight we have found for the  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$  cancels that of the accompanying derivations,

$$\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \dots j_\ell \\ k_1 \dots k_\ell \end{bmatrix} R_{\vec{\eta}} \left( \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell - j_\ell - 2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1 - j_1 - 2}(\epsilon_{k_1}) \right) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{transcendental weight } 0.$$

$$(6.25)$$

We shall now argue that this has to extend to the full  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv} \to \mathcal{E}^{sv}$ : by the vanishing transcendental weight of  $\exp(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y})$ , it follows from (6.25) that the  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$  contributions to the series (6.18) have weight zero, i.e.  $\Lambda_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  can only depart from vanishing transcendental weight via  $\mathcal{E}^{sv} - \mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$ . The latter reduce to antiholomorphic integration constants  $\overline{f}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell\\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}$ , so by our assumption (6.22) on the initial values, the claims (6.21) on the the series  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ and (6.19) on the component integrals can only be violated by antiholomorphic quantities.

However, a purely antiholomorphic violation of uniform transcendentality is incompatible with the reality properties (2.15) of the component integrals: the contributions from holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals are uniformly transcendental by (6.25), so the same must be true for those of the antiholomorphic ones. More precisely, by induction in the depth  $\ell$  (which can be separated by only considering fixed orders in  $\alpha'$ ), one can show that the  $\overline{f \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}}$  must share the transcendental weights of the  $\mathcal{E}_{\min}^{sv}$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix}, \ \beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & \dots & j_\ell \\ k_1 & k_2 & \dots & k_\ell \end{bmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \text{ transcendental weight } \ell + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ (6.26)}}^{\ell} j_i$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{sv}}\begin{bmatrix}j_1 & \dots & j_\ell\\ k_1 & \dots & k_\ell\end{bmatrix} R_{\vec{\eta}} \left( \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_\ell - j_\ell - 2}(\epsilon_{k_\ell}) \dots \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_0}^{k_1 - j_1 - 2}(\epsilon_{k_1}) \right) \longleftrightarrow \text{ transcendental weight } 0.$$

The matching transcendental weights of  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  follow from their relation (3.10) and y having weight 1. Based on (6.26) and (6.24), each term in the series (6.18) has transcendental weight zero, and the weight of  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  agrees with that of the initial value  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$ . Hence, the claim (6.21) follows from the assumption (6.22).

At two points, the initial value following from the Laurent polynomials (4.2) has transcendental weight 2, where we again use the vanishing weight of  $\exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right)$ . This confirms the claims (6.19) and (6.21) at n = 2 since the series in  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  preserves the weight by (6.26).

At  $n \geq 3$  points, the dictionary between  $\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  and (n+2)-point sphere integrals is under investigation [51]. From a variety of Laurent-polynomials in  $(n\geq 3)$ -point MGFs [4, 7, 13] and preliminary studies of their generating series, there is substantial evidence that the transcendental weight of  $\widehat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  is 2(n-1).

## 6.3.3 Basis integrals versus one-loop string amplitudes

We emphasise that the discussion of this section is tailored to the conjectural basis  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  of torus integrals. In order to extract the transcendentality properties of one-loop string amplitudes, it remains to

- express their torus integral in terms of component integrals (6.19), where the expansion coefficients<sup>32</sup> may involve  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combinations of  $G_k$  [21, 40, 73]
- study the kinematic factors accompanying the component integrals
- integrate the modular parameter  $\tau$  over the fundamental domain.

The subtle interplay of  $\tau$ -integration with the transcendental weights has been explored in [26] along with a powerful all-order result for the integrated four-point integral  $Y^{\tau}_{(0,0,0|0,0,0)}$  that was shown to enjoy a natural extension of uniform transcendentality. In [85] it was argued that uniform transcendentality is violated starting from two loops.

The kinematic coefficients of  $Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,...,a_n|b_2,...,b_n)}$  or  $G_k Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,...,a_n|b_2,...,b_n)}$  may feature different transcendentality properties, depending on the string theory under investigation. For the  $\tau$ -integrands of type-II superstrings, these kinematic factors should be independent of  $\alpha'$ in a suitable normalisation of the overall one-loop amplitude. This can for instance be seen from the explicit ( $4 \le n \le 7$ )-point results in [3, 86–88] and the worldsheet supersymmetry in the RNS formalism, even in case of reduced spacetime supersymmetry [72, 89]. Hence, the  $\tau$ -integrands of *n*-point type-II amplitudes at one loop are expected to be uniformly transcendental.

Heterotic and bosonic strings in turn are known to involve tachyon poles in their chiral halves due to factors like  $\partial f_{ij}^{(k)}$  and  $f_{ij}^{(k)} f_{ij}^{(\ell)}$  in their CFT correlators. They can still be rewritten in terms of  $Y_{(a_2,...,a_n|b_2,...,b_n)}^{\tau}$  via integration by parts [21], but the expansion coefficients may involve factors like  $(1 + s_{ij})^{-1}$  that break uniform transcendentality upon geometric-series expansion. Hence, even if one-loop amplitudes of heterotic and bosonic strings can be expanded in a uniformly transcendental integral basis, the overall  $\tau$ -integrand will generically lose this property through the kinematic factors. This effect is well-known from tree-level amplitudes in these theories [90–92].

# 7 Conclusion and outlook

In this work, we have pinpointed the structure of the  $\alpha'$ -expansion for the generating series  $Y_{\vec{n}}^{\tau}$  of torus integrals seen in one-loop closed-string amplitudes. As main results we have

(i) exhibited that, for any number of external legs, the polynomial structure in Mandelstam variables is explicitly determined to all orders in  $\alpha'$  by (3.11). This is based on conjectural matrix realisations of certain derivations  $\epsilon_k$  dual to Eisenstein series [50].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>The reduction of  $(n \ge 4)$ -point gauge amplitudes of the heterotic string to a basis of  $Y^{\tau}_{(a_2,...,a_n|b_2,...,b_n)}$ also involves the modular version  $\hat{G}_2 = G_2 - \frac{\pi}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}$  of  $G_2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{n^2} + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(m\tau+n)^2}$  among the expansion coefficients [21].

- (ii) reduced the torus-puncture integrals to combinations of iterated Eisenstein integrals with integration kernels  $\tau^{j}G_{k}$  with  $k \geq 4 \& 0 \leq j \leq k-2$ , their complex conjugates and MZVs from their behaviour at the cusp  $\tau \to i\infty$ .
- (iii) developed methods to count the number of independent modular graph forms (w.r.t. relations over  $\mathbb{Q}[MZV]$ ) that occur at given modular weight or  $\alpha'$ -order in generic one-loop string amplitudes. Our approach exposes all relations between modular graph forms.

While the main formula (3.11) of (i) is mainly driven by the holomorphic derivative  $\partial_{\tau} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$ , the appearance of antiholomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals in (ii) is inferred from the complex-conjugation properties of the series. We have presented non-trivial depth-two examples but leave a detailed study of higher orders for the future. As to (iii), while the methods of this work determine the counting of modular graph forms at arbitrary weight, it is an open problem to condense these mechanisms to a closed formula.

The combinations of (anti-)holomorphic Eisenstein integrals in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of this work are denoted by  $\beta^{sv}$  and we expect them to occur in Brown's generating series of singlevalued iterated Eisenstein integrals [46, 48, 49]. Both the antiholomorphic constituents of  $\beta^{sv}$  and their linear combinations that yield modular graph forms involve single-valued MZVs. Also Brown's construction of single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals involves single-valued MZVs which can be traced back to the multiple modular values in the *S*transformation of their holomorphic counterparts.

In our setup, by contrast, all single-valued MZVs descend from the degeneration of the n-point  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  at the cusp, where (n+2)-point sphere integrals should be recovered. Following earlier work of D'Hoker, Green [24] and Zagier, Zerbini [28], we have made this fully explicit for the  $Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}$  series at n = 2 points, and the degenerations at  $n \geq 3$  are under investigation [51]. Hence, by combining the results of the present paper with the evaluation of genus-zero integrals at the cusp, one can completely determine

- the explicit form of the combinations of holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals and their complex conjugates that yield non-holomorphic modular forms
- the generating series of all possible genus-one integrals over closed-string punctures.

Finally, the appearance of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  in closed-string one-loop amplitudes suggests a connection to open strings: at tree level, the sphere integrals in closed-string amplitudes were identified as single-valued disk integrals occurring in open-string amplitudes [54–60]. This calls for an extension of the single-valued map for (motivic) MZVs [52, 53] to the holomorphic iterated Eisenstein integrals in the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of one-loop open-string integrals [38, 39]. We hope to report on the relation between one-loop closed-string integrals and single-valued versions of the open-string integrals in the near future.

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#### A Lattice sums

This appendix reviews some more background material on modular graph forms.

#### A.1 Fourier integrals

In order to perform the component integrals (2.9) and (2.11) order by order in  $\alpha'$ , we employ the Fourier transformations of its doubly-periodic building blocks with respect to the real coordinates u, v of the torus,

$$z = u\tau + v, \qquad u, v \in [0, 1],$$
 (A.1)

namely

$$\Omega(z,\eta,\tau) = \frac{1}{\eta} + \sum_{p \neq 0} \frac{e^{2\pi i \langle p, z \rangle}}{p+\eta} , \qquad (A.2a)$$

$$f^{(w)}(z,\tau) = (-1)^{w-1} \sum_{p \neq 0} \frac{e^{2\pi i \langle p, z \rangle}}{p^w},$$
 (A.2b)

$$G(z,\tau) = \frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi} \sum_{p \neq 0} \frac{e^{2\pi i \langle p, z \rangle}}{|p|^2} \,. \tag{A.2c}$$

The Fourier coefficients are labelled by discrete lattice momenta  $p \in \mathbb{Z} + \tau \mathbb{Z}$  with the notation

$$p = m\tau + n$$
,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \langle p, z \rangle = mv - nu = \frac{pz - pz}{\tau - \overline{\tau}}$ . (A.3)

Note that the result (A.2c) for the Green function [1] is conditionally convergent, and (A.2b) only applies to  $w \ge 1$ . Moreover, the instances of (A.2b) at w = 1, 2 are not absolutely convergent for any z on the torus, though the sum at w = 1 is formally consistent with  $f^{(1)}(z,\tau) = -\partial_z G(z,\tau)$ .



**Figure 2.** Depiction of the worldsheet graph associated with the trihedral modular graph form  $C\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \dots a_Q \\ b_1 \dots b_Q \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \dots c_R \\ d_1 \dots d_R \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \dots e_S \\ f_1 \dots f_S \end{bmatrix}$ .

#### A.2 Trihedral modular graph forms

The  $\alpha'$ -expansion of three-point component integrals (2.11) introduces MGFs of trihedral topology, cf. figure 2, [9]

$$\mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix}a_{1} \dots a_{Q} \\ b_{1} \dots b_{Q} \\ d_{1} \dots d_{R} \\ d_{1} \dots d_{R} \end{bmatrix}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{p_{1}, p_{2}, \dots, p_{Q} \neq 0 \\ k_{1}, k_{2}, \dots, k_{R} \neq 0 \\ \ell_{1}, \ell_{2}, \dots, \ell_{S} \neq 0}} \frac{\delta(\sum_{i=1}^{Q} p_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{R} k_{i})\delta(\sum_{i=1}^{R} k_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{S} \ell_{i})}{(\prod_{j=1}^{Q} p_{j}^{a_{j}} \bar{p}_{j}^{b_{j}})(\prod_{j=1}^{R} k_{j}^{c_{j}} \bar{k}_{j}^{d_{j}})(\prod_{j=1}^{S} \ell_{j}^{e_{j}} \bar{\ell}_{j}^{f_{j}})},$$
(A.4)

where all of  $p_j, k_j, \ell_j$  refer to lattice momenta of the form (A.3). Similar to dihedral MGFs (2.16), the integer exponents  $a_j, b_j, \ldots, f_j$  lead to holomorphic and antiholomorphic modular weights  $\sum_{j=1}^{Q} a_j + \sum_{j=1}^{R} c_j + \sum_{j=1}^{S} e_j$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^{Q} b_j + \sum_{j=1}^{R} d_j + \sum_{j=1}^{S} f_j$ , respectively. The  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the simplest three-point component integral  $Y_{(0,0|0,0)}^{\tau}$  is well-known

The  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the simplest three-point component integral  $Y'_{(0,0|0,0)}$  is well-known to be expressible in terms of the banana-graph functions  $D_n$  in (4.13) and the trihedral MGFs

$$D_{a,b,c}(\tau) = \int \frac{d^2 z_2}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau} \frac{d^2 z_3}{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau} \big( G(z_{12},\tau) \big)^a \big( G(z_{23},\tau) \big)^b \big( G(z_{13},\tau) \big)^c = \left( \frac{\mathrm{Im}\,\tau}{\pi} \right)^{a+b+c} \mathcal{C}[\underbrace{\underbrace{1\,1\,\dots\,1}}_{a} | \underbrace{\underbrace{1\,1\,\dots\,1}}_{b} | \underbrace{\underbrace{1\,1\,\dots\,1}}_{b} | \underbrace{\underbrace{1\,1\,\dots\,1}}_{c}](\tau), \qquad (A.5)$$

namely [2]

$$\begin{split} Y_{(0,0|0,0)}^{\tau}(2,3|2,3) &= 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (s_{12}^{n} + s_{13}^{n} + s_{23}^{n}) \mathcal{D}_{n}(\tau) + s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} \mathcal{D}_{1,1,1}(\tau) \quad (A.6) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} (s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23}) \mathcal{D}_{2,1,1}(\tau) + \frac{1}{4} (s_{12}^{2} s_{13}^{2} + s_{13}^{2} s_{23}^{2} + s_{12}^{2} s_{23}^{2}) (\mathcal{D}_{2}(\tau))^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{6} s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} (s_{12}^{2} + s_{13}^{2} + s_{23}^{2}) \mathcal{D}_{3,1,1}(\tau) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} (s_{12} s_{13} + s_{13} s_{23} + s_{12} s_{23}) \mathcal{D}_{2,2,1}(\tau) \\ &+ \frac{1}{12} (s_{12}^{2} s_{13}^{3} + s_{12}^{3} s_{13}^{2} + s_{13}^{2} s_{23}^{3} + s_{13}^{3} s_{23}^{2} + s_{12}^{2} s_{23}^{3} + s_{12}^{3} s_{23}^{2}) \mathcal{D}_{2}(\tau) \mathcal{D}_{3}(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(s_{ij}^{6}) \,. \end{split}$$

Upon comparison with the  $\alpha'$ -expansion obtained from (3.11), i.e. by extracting the coefficient of  $\eta_{23}^{-1}\eta_3^{-1}\bar{\eta}_{23}^{-1}\bar{\eta}_3^{-1}$  in the generating functions, we arrive at the following expressions for the trihedral modular graph functions (A.5)

$$D_{1,1,1} = -30\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{6}] + \frac{3\zeta_5}{4y^2}, \qquad (A.7a)$$

$$D_{2,1,1} = -126\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\8 \end{bmatrix} - 18\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2&0\\4&4 \end{bmatrix} + 12\zeta_3\beta^{sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{12y} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{4y^2} + \frac{9\zeta_7}{16y^3}, \qquad (A.7b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}_{3,1,1} &= 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 900\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 540\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 900\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &- 1458\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} + 600\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{90\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ \frac{90\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{27\zeta_5}{2y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\zeta_5}{30} + \frac{105\zeta_7}{32y^2} - \frac{3\zeta_3\zeta_5}{2y^3} + \frac{81\zeta_9}{64y^4}, \end{aligned}$$
(A.7c)

$$D_{2,2,1} = -1296\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\10 \end{bmatrix} - 240\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\4\\6 \end{bmatrix} - 240\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6\\4 \end{bmatrix} + 160\zeta_3\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{24\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{11\zeta_5}{45} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{8y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3\zeta_5}{y^3} + \frac{9\zeta_9}{8y^4}.$$
 (A.7d)

The combinations of  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  in the right-hand side can be identified with those of  $E_k$ ,  $E_{2,2}$  and  $E_{2,3}$  in (4.7). Hence, the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ -representations (A.7) expose the relations among the simplest  $D_{a,b,c}$  known from the literature [4, 5, 9, 13]

$$D_{1,1,1} = E_3 = D_3 - \zeta_3, \qquad (A.8a)$$

$$D_{2,1,1} = E_{2,2} + \frac{9}{10}E_4, \qquad (A.8b)$$

$$D_{3,1,1} = \frac{15}{2}E_{2,3} + 3E_2E_3 + \frac{81}{35}E_5 + \frac{7\zeta_5}{40}, \qquad (A.8c)$$

$$D_{2,2,1} = 2E_{2,3} + \frac{72}{35}E_5 + \frac{3\zeta_5}{10}.$$
 (A.8d)

# **B** Derivations beyond three points

This appendix is dedicated to the matrices  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  in the differential equation (2.33) at multiplicities  $n \ge 4$  which have been determined in [30, 38, 39].

# B.1 Four points

The 6 × 6 matrices  $R_{\eta_2,\eta_3,\eta_4}(\epsilon_k)$  at four points are given by  $R_{\eta_2,\eta_3,\eta_4}(\epsilon_2) = 0$  and

$$R_{\eta_{2},\eta_{3},\eta_{4}}(\epsilon_{k}) = \eta_{2}^{k-2}r(e_{2}) + \eta_{3}^{k-2}r(e_{3}) + \eta_{4}^{k-2}r(e_{4}) + \eta_{23}^{k-2}r(e_{23}) + \eta_{24}^{k-2}r(e_{24}) + \eta_{34}^{k-2}r(e_{34}) + \eta_{234}^{k-2}r(e_{234}) - \delta_{k,0} \left(\frac{1}{2}\sum_{j=2}^{4}s_{1j}\partial_{\eta_{j}}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{2\leq i< j}^{4}s_{ij}(\partial_{\eta_{i}} - \partial_{\eta_{j}})^{2} + 2\pi i\sum_{j=2}^{4}\bar{\eta}_{j}\partial_{\eta_{j}}\right) \mathbf{1}_{6\times6}$$
(B.1)

for non-negative and even  $k \neq 2$ . The  $r(e_{...})$  are the  $6 \times 6$  matrices appearing in equation (4.21) and appendix C.1 of [39] as  $r_{\vec{\eta}}(e_{...})$ .

# B.2 *n* points

The  $(n-1)! \times (n-1)!$  matrices  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  in (2.33) at *n* points can be generated from [30, 38, 39]

$$2\pi i \partial_{\tau} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma | 1, 2, \dots, n) = -\sum_{j=2}^{n} \wp \left( (\tau - \bar{\tau}) \eta_{j,j+1\dots n}, \tau \right) Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \left( \sigma | S[12\dots j-1, j(j+1)\dots n] \right)$$
(B.2)

$$+ \frac{1}{(\tau - \bar{\tau})^2} \left\{ 2\pi i \sum_{j=2}^n \bar{\eta}_j \partial_{\eta_j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^n s_{1j} \partial_{\eta_j}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{2 \le i < j}^n s_{ij} (\partial_{\eta_i} - \partial_{\eta_j})^2 \right\} Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma | 1, 2, \dots, n) \,.$$

The entries of  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$  can be read off through the following steps:

• expand out the S[A, B]-map via

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|S[a_{1}a_{2}\dots a_{p}, b_{1}b_{2}\dots b_{q}]) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{j=1}^{q} (-1)^{i-j+p-1} s_{a_{i}b_{j}}$$

$$\times Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \left(\sigma|(a_{1}a_{2}\dots a_{i-1} \sqcup a_{p}a_{p-1}\dots a_{i+1}), a_{i}, b_{j}, (b_{j-1}\dots b_{2}b_{1} \sqcup b_{j+1}\dots b_{q})\right)$$
(B.3)

• reduce the integrals to a basis of  $Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}(\sigma|1,...)$  by means of Kleiss-Kuijf relations following from Fay identities [39]

$$Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau}(\sigma|a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p, 1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_q) = (-1)^p Y_{\vec{\eta}}^{\tau} \left(\sigma|1, (a_p \dots a_2 a_1 \sqcup b_1 b_2 \dots b_q)\right)$$
(B.4)

• expand the Weierstraß functions in (B.2) via

$$\wp(\eta,\tau) = \frac{1}{\eta^2} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (k-1)\eta^{k-2} \mathbf{G}_k(\tau)$$
(B.5)

- insert (B.3), (B.4) and (B.5) into (B.2) and match the result with the form (2.33) of the differential equation to obtain the first row of the  $R_{\vec{n}}(\epsilon_k)$
- repeat the above steps for permutations  $\partial_{\tau} Y^{\tau}_{\vec{\eta}}(\sigma|1, \rho(2, 3, ..., n)), \ \rho \in \mathcal{S}_{n-1}$  with appropriate relabelling of  $s_{ij}$  and  $\eta_j$  to generate the remaining rows of  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_k)$

## C Two-point results

# C.1 $\alpha'$ -expansions of component integrals

In this appendix, we collect further representative examples of  $\alpha'$ -expansions of two-point component integrals (2.9) to order 10. Their Laurent polynomials at the cusp are generated by (4.2) and yield the component results in (4.3) and

$$Y_{(0|2)}^{\tau} \Big|_{q^0 \bar{q}^0} = s_{12} \left( \frac{y}{180} - \frac{\zeta_3}{8y^2} \right) + s_{12}^2 \left( \frac{y^2}{3780} - \frac{\zeta_5}{16y^3} \right) + s_{12}^3 \left( \frac{y^3}{22680} + \frac{\zeta_3}{144} - \frac{5\zeta_5}{48y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{16y^3} - \frac{9\zeta_7}{128y^4} \right) + s_{12}^4 \left( \frac{y^4}{449064} + \frac{y\zeta_3}{648} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{48y^2} + \frac{9\zeta_3\zeta_5}{64y^4} - \frac{7\zeta_7}{64y^3} - \frac{15\zeta_9}{128y^5} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^5) ,$$
(C.1a)

$$\begin{split} Y_{(4|0)}^{\tau} \left|_{q^{0}\bar{q}^{0}} &= -s_{12} \left( \frac{32y^{5}}{945} + 2\zeta_{5} \right) + s_{12}^{2} \left( -\frac{16y^{6}}{14175} - \frac{8y^{3}\zeta_{3}}{45} + 2\zeta_{3}^{2} - \frac{9\zeta_{7}}{2y} \right) \\ &+ s_{12}^{3} \left( -\frac{16y^{7}}{66825} - \frac{8y^{4}\zeta_{3}}{135} + \frac{y^{2}\zeta_{5}}{15} - \frac{7\zeta_{7}}{2} + \frac{9\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y} - \frac{45\zeta_{9}}{4y^{2}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{4}) \,, \text{ (C.1b)} \\ Y_{(3|5)}^{\tau} \left|_{q^{0}\bar{q}^{0}} &= -\frac{y^{3}}{18900} + \frac{15\zeta_{7}}{128y^{4}} + s_{12} \left( \frac{y^{4}}{1871100} + \frac{\zeta_{5}}{480y} - \frac{15\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{64y^{4}} + \frac{91\zeta_{9}}{128y^{5}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{2}) \,. \end{split}$$

$$(C.1c)$$

For generic  $\tau$ , the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (4.4) of the two-point generating series yields components

$$Y_{(4|0)}^{\tau} = s_{12}(5\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{4}_{6};\tau] - 2\zeta_{5}) + s_{12}^{2} \left( 63\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{5}_{8};\tau] + 9\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{2}_{4};\tau] - 6\zeta_{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4};\tau] + 2\zeta_{3}^{2} - \frac{9\zeta_{7}}{2y} \right) + s_{12}^{3} \left( 810\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{6}_{10};\tau] - 15\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{4}_{6};\tau] + 150\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{3}_{6};\tau] + 30\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{3}_{6}{}^{2}_{4};\tau] \right)$$
(C.2a)

$$+ 105\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{4}{6}\frac{1}{4};\tau] - 100\zeta_{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{3}{6};\tau] + \frac{5\zeta_{3}}{2y}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{4}{6};\tau] - 42\zeta_{5}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4};\tau] - \frac{3\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{4};\tau] - \frac{7\zeta_{7}}{2} + \frac{9\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y} - \frac{45\zeta_{9}}{4y^{2}} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{4}),$$

$$Y_{(4|2)}^{\tau} = -20\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{3}{6};\tau] + \frac{2\zeta_{5}}{y} + s_{12} \left( -18\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{4};\tau] - 18\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{4}\frac{1}{4};\tau] \right)$$

$$- 315\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{4}{8};\tau] + 12\zeta_{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4};\tau] + \frac{3\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{4};\tau] - \frac{2\zeta_{3}^{2}}{y} + \frac{45\zeta_{7}}{8y^{2}} \right)$$

$$+ s_{12}^{2} \left( -4860\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{5}{10};\tau] + 15\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{0}{4}\frac{4}{6};\tau] - 240\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{1}{4}\frac{3}{6};\tau] - 450\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{4}\frac{2}{6};\tau]$$

$$- 90\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{6}\frac{2}{4};\tau] - 480\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{3}{6}\frac{1}{4};\tau] - 105\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{4}{6}\frac{0}{4};\tau] + 300\zeta_{3}\beta^{\rm sv}[\frac{2}{6};\tau]$$

Consistency with the Laurent polynomials in (4.3) and the asymptotics (3.38) of  $\beta^{sv}$ .

# C.2 All $\beta^{sv}$ at depth one involving $G_8$ and $G_{10}$

The MGF-representations of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\10 \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of and Cauchy-Riemann derivatives of E<sub>4</sub>, E<sub>5</sub>, complementing the discussion in section 4.3. are given by

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{10}] = -\frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^{4}E_{5}}{3870720y^{8}} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{294912y^{8}},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{0}_{8}] = \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^{3}E_{4}}{53760y^{6}} + \frac{\zeta_{7}}{14336y^{6}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{10}] = \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^{3}E_{5}}{967680y^{6}} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{73728y^{7}},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{1}_{8}] = -\frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^{2}E_{4}}{13440y^{4}} + \frac{\zeta_{7}}{3584y^{5}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{10}] = -\frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^{2}E_{5}}{120960y^{4}} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{18432y^{6}},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{2}_{8}] = \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}E_{4}}{1680y^{2}} + \frac{\zeta_{7}}{896y^{4}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{3}_{10}] = \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}E_{5}}{10080y^{2}} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{4608y^{5}}, \qquad (C.3)$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{3}_{8}] = -\frac{1}{140}E_{4} + \frac{\zeta_{7}}{224y^{3}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{4}_{10}] = -\frac{1}{630}E_{5} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{1152y^{4}},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{4}_{8}] = \frac{1}{105}\pi\nabla E_{4} + \frac{\zeta_{7}}{56y^{2}}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{5}_{10}] = \frac{1}{630}\pi\nabla E_{5} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{288y^{3}},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{8}_{8}] = -\frac{2}{105}(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{4} + \frac{\zeta_{7}}{14y}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{6}_{10}] = -\frac{2}{945}(\pi\nabla)^{2}E_{5} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{72y^{2}},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{8}_{8}] = \frac{8}{105}(\pi\nabla)^{3}E_{4} + \frac{2\zeta_{7}}{7}, \qquad \beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{7}_{10}] = \frac{4}{945}(\pi\nabla)^{3}E_{5} + \frac{\zeta_{9}}{18y},$$

$$\beta^{\rm sv}[{}^{8}_{10}] = -\frac{16}{945}(\pi\nabla)^{4}E_{5} + \frac{2\zeta_{9}}{9},$$

consistent with the closed formulae (4.10) and (4.11). The inverse relations are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^4 E_5}{y^8} &= -3870720\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{8y^8} \,, \\ \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^3 E_4}{y^6} &= 53760\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0\\8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{15\zeta_7}{4y^6} \,, \\ \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2 E_4}{y^4} &= -13440\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\8 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{15\zeta_7}{4y^5} \,, \\ \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2 E_5}{y^4} &= -120960\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\20 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{16y^6} \,, \\ \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla} E_4}{y^2} &= 1680\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2\\8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{15\zeta_7}{8y^4} \,, \\ E_4 &= -140\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 3\\8 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_7}{8y^2} \,, \\ \pi\overline{\nabla} E_4 &= 105\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{15\zeta_7}{8y^2} \,, \\ \pi\overline{\nabla} E_5 &= -630\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\10 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{35\zeta_9}{16y^5} \,, \\ E_5 &= -630\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{35\zeta_9}{64y^4} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^2 E_4 &= -\frac{105}{2}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\8 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{15\zeta_7}{4y} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^2 E_4 &= -\frac{105}{2}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{15\zeta_7}{4y} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^2 E_5 &= -\frac{945}{2}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 6\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{16y^2} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^3 E_4 &= \frac{105}{8}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 6\\8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{15\zeta_7}{4} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^3 E_5 &= \frac{945}{4}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 7\\10 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{105\zeta_9}{8y} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^4 E_5 &= -\frac{945}{16}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{8y} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^4 E_5 &= -\frac{945}{16}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{8y} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^4 E_5 &= -\frac{945}{16}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{8y} \,, \\ (\pi\overline{\nabla})^4 E_5 &= -\frac{945}{16}\beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 8\\10 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{105\zeta_9}{8y} \,, \end{aligned}$$

consistent with the closed formulae (4.8) and (4.9).

# C.3 Component integrals $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$ at leading order

In this appendix, we derive both the closed depth-one formulae (4.8), (4.9) relating nonholomorphic Eisenstein series to the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and the reality properties (4.19) of the latter. For this purpose, we investigate the  $s_{12}^0$ -order of the two-point component integrals  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$ in (2.9) with  $a+b \geq 4$ , where the  $(s_{12} \rightarrow 0)$ -limit can be performed at the level of the integrand. By the lattice-sum representations (A.2b) of the  $f^{(w)}$ , this limit vanishes if a = 0 or b = 0 and otherwise yields MGFs

$$Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau} = \frac{(\tau - \bar{\tau})^a}{(2\pi i)^b} \mathcal{C}\begin{bmatrix} a & 0\\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}), \qquad a, b \neq 0, \qquad a+b \ge 4.$$
(C.5)

Once the MGFs are expressed in terms of non-holomorphic Eisenstein series via (2.18) and (2.21), the  $s_{12}^0$ -orders of the component integrals can be rewritten as  $(k \ge 2, m < k)$ 

$$Y_{(k|k)}^{\tau} = \mathbf{E}_{k} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}),$$

$$Y_{(k+m|k-m)}^{\tau} = \frac{(-4)^{m}(k-1)!(\pi\nabla)^{m}\mathbf{E}_{k}}{(k+m-1)!} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}),$$

$$Y_{(k-m|k+m)}^{\tau} = \frac{(k-1)!(\pi\overline{\nabla})^{m}\mathbf{E}_{k}}{(-4)^{m}(k+m-1)!y^{2m}} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}).$$
(C.6)

These results will now be compared with the  $\alpha'$ -expansion (3.11) in terms of  $\beta^{sv}$  and initial values. The latter can be inferred from the Laurent polynomials (4.2) by acting with the two-point derivation  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_0)$  in (2.32), and one obtains

$$\exp\left(-\frac{R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)}{4y}\right)\widehat{Y}_{\eta}^{i\infty} = \frac{1}{\eta\bar{\eta}} - \frac{2\pi i}{s_{12}} + 4\pi i\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\zeta_{2k+1}\left(\eta + \frac{i\pi\bar{\eta}}{2y}\right)^{2k} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}).$$
(C.7)

The  $s_{12}^0$ -order of the generating series  $Y_{\eta}^{\tau}$  receives additional contributions when the  $\eta$ independent kinematic pole of (C.7) is combined with one power of  $s_{12}$  from the derivations  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_k)$ . This order exclusively stems from the depth-one part of the series (3.11) in  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ ,

$$\sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \frac{(-1)^{j} (k-1)}{(k-j-2)!} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix} R_{\eta} \left( \mathrm{ad}_{\epsilon_{0}}^{k-j-2}(\epsilon_{k}) \right)$$

$$= s_{12} \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (2\pi i)^{k-j-2} \frac{(k-1)!}{j! (k-j-2)!} \eta^{j} \bar{\eta}^{k-j-2} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}^{2}, \partial_{\eta}),$$
(C.8)

where we have inserted  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_k) = s_{12}\eta^{k-2}$  and  $R_{\eta}(\epsilon_0) = -2\pi i \bar{\eta} \partial_{\eta} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12})$ . In view of (C.7) and (C.8), the overall  $(s_{12} \to 0)$ -limit of the generating series is given by

$$Y_{\eta}^{\tau} = \frac{1}{\eta \bar{\eta}} - \frac{2\pi i}{s_{12}} + 4\pi i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \zeta_{2k+1} \left( \eta + \frac{i\pi \bar{\eta}}{2y} \right)^{2k}$$

$$- \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (2\pi i)^{k-j-1} \frac{(k-1)!}{j!(k-j-2)!} \eta^j \bar{\eta}^{k-j-2} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j\\k \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}) \,.$$
(C.9)
By extracting the coefficients of  $\eta^{a-1}\bar{\eta}^{b-1}$ , we arrive at the following leading orders of the component integrals (2.9)

$$Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau} = \frac{(a+b-2)!}{(a-1)!(b-1)!} \left\{ \frac{2\zeta_{a+b-1}}{(4y)^{b-1}} - (a+b-1)\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} a-1\\a+b \end{bmatrix} \right\} + \mathcal{O}(s_{12}), \quad a,b \neq 0, \quad a+b \geq 4.$$
(C.10)

Upon comparison with the earlier expression (C.6) for the  $s_{12}^0$ -orders in terms of nonholomorphic Eisenstein series, one can read off (4.8) by setting (a,b) = (k,k) and (4.9) by setting  $(a,b) = (k \pm m, k \mp m)$  with m < k. Moreover, irrespective of the relation (C.6) with  $E_k$ , the reality properties (2.14) of the  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  enforce the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  in (C.10) to obey

$$\overline{\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} a-1\\a+b \end{bmatrix}} = (4y)^{a-b} \beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} b-1\\a+b \end{bmatrix} .$$
 (C.11)

This is equivalent to (4.19), i.e. we have derived the reality properties of the  $\beta^{sv}$  at depth one from those of  $Y_{(a|b)}^{\tau}$  and the explicit form of their  $(s_{12} \to 0)$ -limits (C.10).

### C.4 Banana graphs

In this appendix, we list higher-order examples of the banana graph functions

$$D_n(\tau) = n! Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau} \Big|_{s_{12}^n} = \int \frac{d^2 z}{\operatorname{Im} \tau} (G(z,\tau))^n = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Im} \tau}{\pi}\right)^n \mathcal{C}[\underbrace{1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1}_n](\tau), \qquad (C.12)$$

discussed in section 4.4, see (4.17) for  $D_{n\leq 5}$  in terms of  $\beta^{sv}$ . By computing the  $\alpha'$ -expansion of the component integral  $Y_{(0|0)}^{\tau}$  in terms of the initial data and the  $\beta^{sv}$ , cf. (3.11), one finds the following new representations of  $D_6$  and  $D_7$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{D}_{6} &= -19440\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 38880\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 38880\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 116640\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ 45360\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 272160\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + 45360\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 272160\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ 18000\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 144000\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 144000\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 831600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ \frac{3240\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 25920\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 77760\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{6480\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ 181440\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{7560\zeta_3}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - 600\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 57600\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ \frac{14400\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{450\zeta_5}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - 600\zeta_3\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 57600\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ \frac{14400\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{450\zeta_5}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + 7200\zeta_5\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{900\zeta_5}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &- \frac{4320\zeta_3^2}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{270\zeta_3^2}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{405\zeta_7}{2y^3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{4860\zeta_7}{y^2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ 34\zeta_3^2 + \frac{483\zeta_7}{2y} - \frac{135\zeta_3\zeta_5}{y^2} + \frac{45\zeta_3^3}{y^3} + \frac{405\zeta_9}{2y^3} - \frac{675\zeta_3\zeta_7}{4y^4} - \frac{675\zeta_5^2}{8y^4} + \frac{4725\zeta_{11}}{32y^5} , \\ \mathbf{D}_7 = -226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 907200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 907200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 907200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 226800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}$$

$$\begin{split} &-1814400\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{2}{9}\right] - 4989600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{2}{9}\frac{1}{4}\right] + 453600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{2}{9}\frac{1}{4}\right] + 907200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{6}\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{10}\right] \\ &-2721600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{6}\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{4}\right] - 16329600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{5}{6}\frac{0}{4}\right] + 2041200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{4}{10}\right] - 16329600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{6}\frac{2}{8}\right] \\ &+2041200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{4}{10}\right] - 16329600\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{5}{10}\frac{0}{4}\right] + 529200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{3}{8}\right] - 6350400\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{6}\frac{2}{8}\right] \\ &-12700800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{4}{6}\frac{1}{8}\right] + 529200\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{8}\frac{2}{6}\right] - 6350400\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{4}{8}\frac{1}{6}\right] - 12700800\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{5}{8}\frac{0}{6}\right] \\ &-61916400\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{6}{14}\right] + 1209600\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{0}{4}\right] + \frac{37800\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{6}\right] - \frac{151200\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{4}\frac{1}{6}\right] \\ &-604800\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{6}\frac{1}{4}\right] + 3326400\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{0}{4}\right] + \frac{37800\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{6}\right] - \frac{151200\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{4}\frac{0}{4}\right] \\ &+ \frac{37800\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{1}{4}\right] - \frac{151200\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\frac{0}{4}\right] + 10886400\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{3}\right] - \frac{340200\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] \\ &+ 7560\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\frac{0}{4}\right] + \frac{5670\zeta_{5}}{y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{4}\right] - \frac{11340\zeta_{5}}{y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{4}\frac{0}{4}\right] - 17640\zeta_{3}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{8}\right] \\ &+ 5080320\zeta_{5}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{8}\right] + \frac{635040\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{8}\right] - \frac{13230\zeta_{5}}{y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{3}{8}\right] + 168000\zeta_{5}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{6}\right] \\ &+ \frac{10500\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\right] - 403200\zeta_{3}^{2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\right] - \frac{100800\zeta_{3}^{2}}{y^{2}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\right] - 1806\zeta_{5}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] \\ &+ 10080\zeta_{3}^{2}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{0}{6}\right] - \frac{1260\zeta_{3}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{6}\right] - \frac{4725\zeta_{7}}{2y^{3}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{2}{6}\right] - 1806\zeta_{5}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] \\ &- \frac{68040\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{0}{4}\right] + \frac{2835\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y^{3}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] + \frac{56700\zeta_{9}}{y^{3}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] - \frac{14175\zeta_{9}}{8y^{4}}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] \\ &- \frac{68040\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1}{4}\right] + \frac{2835\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}}{y}\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}\left[\frac{1$$

An expression for the five-loop banana function  $D_6$  in terms of simpler modular graph functions can be found in [13]. It takes the following form when expressed in terms of the modular graph functions of [17],

$$D_{6} = 720E_{2,2,2} + 48E_{2,4} - 640E_{3,3} + 1200E'_{3,3} + 300E_{6}$$

$$+ 360E_{2}E_{2,2} + 54E_{2}E_{4} + 10E_{3}^{2} + 15E_{2}^{3} + 20\zeta_{3}E_{3} + 10\zeta_{3}^{2},$$
(C.14)

see (6.12) to (6.15) for  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ -representations of  $E_{2,2,2}$ ,  $E_{2,4}$ ,  $E_{3,3}$  and  $E'_{3,3}$  and (2.24) for their lattice-sum representations.

## D Initial data without MZVs for four points

As explained in section 6.1, the MZV-free part of the initial data  $\hat{Y}_{\vec{\eta}}^{i\infty}$  plays an important role in determining the leading modular behaviour (6.6) of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ . The results for n=2

and n=3, given by  $\hat{Y}_{\eta}^{i\infty}|_{\zeta_k=0} = \frac{1}{\eta\bar{\eta}} - \frac{2\pi i}{s_{12}}$  and (3.21), admit a simple generalisation to n=4 points. Based on this we conjecture that the MZV-free part at four points is given by

$$\begin{split} \hat{Y}_{\eta}^{i\infty}(2,3,4|2,3,4)|_{\zeta_{k}=0} &= \frac{1}{\eta_{4}\eta_{34}\eta_{234}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{34}\bar{\eta}_{34}\bar{\eta}_{34}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{34}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{2}\bar{\eta}_{4}} \\ &\quad -\frac{2\pi i}{\eta_{4}\eta_{24}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{24}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{23}\bar{\eta}_{2}\bar{\eta}_{2}\bar{\eta}_{4}\bar{\eta}_{2}\bar$$

where the notation  $|_{\zeta_k=0}$  informally instructs to disregard MZVs of arbitrary depth. We have verified that this conjectured initial data is annihilated by the four-point instance of the operator  $R_{\vec{\eta}}(\epsilon_0)$  reviewed in appendix B.1. It is moreover manifestly invariant under the scaling  $\eta_j \to \bar{\tau}\eta_j$  and  $\bar{\eta}_j \to \frac{\bar{\eta}_j}{\bar{\tau}}$  which is crucial for obtaining the leading modular weight of the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  given in (6.6). Note that the pattern of kinematic poles follows similar patterns in tree-level amplitudes of the open string [93].

# E Detailed expressions for $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ , $\beta^{sv}$ and modular graph forms

In this appendix, we collect for reference the expressions for the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$  in terms of the basis of modular graph forms presented in table 1. Expressions for all  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $k \leq 10$  and  $k_1 + k_2 \leq 10$  in terms of MGFs can also be found in the supplementary material of this paper.

# E.1 Expressions for $\beta^{sv}$ in terms of modular graph forms

The expressions for  $\beta^{sv}$  of weight 10 in terms of modular graph forms can be obtained by inverting the relations (5.10) and (5.12)–(5.14).

For  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $0 \leq j_1 \leq 4$  and  $0 \leq j_2 \leq 2$  we find

$$\begin{split} \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{2(\pi\nabla)^2 {\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945} + \frac{2(\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2)\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{45} + \frac{\zeta_5\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{15y} - \frac{7\zeta_7}{720} + \frac{\zeta_3\zeta_5}{30y} \,, \\ \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2,3}}{180} + \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}}{135} - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945} - \frac{{\rm E}_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{90} + \frac{{\rm E}_2\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{90} \\ &\quad -\frac{\zeta_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{270} + \frac{\zeta_5\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{60y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{315} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{720y} + \frac{\zeta_3\zeta_5}{120y^2} \,, \\ \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{30} - \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945} - \frac{(\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2)\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{45} - \frac{\zeta_5{\rm E}_2}{15} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{360} + \frac{\zeta_3\zeta_5}{30y} \,, \\ \beta^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{8(\pi\nabla)^3{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945} - \frac{8(\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2)(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_3}{45} + \frac{4\zeta_5\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{15} + \frac{2\zeta_3\zeta_5}{15} \,. \end{split}$$

The analogous expressions for  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  follow from this via the shuffle relations (3.35).

# E.2 Expressions for $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$ in terms of modular graph forms

The MGF expressions for the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  can be obtained by applying formula (3.13) to the expressions of the  $\beta^{sv}$  in terms of MGFs given in the preceding section E.1.

At depth one, we find

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{0}] = -\frac{{\rm E}_{3}}{80y^{2}} - \frac{{\rm Re}[\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{3}]}{120y^{3}} - \frac{{\rm Re}[(\pi\nabla)^{2}{\rm E}_{3}]}{480y^{4}},$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{4}^{0}] = \frac{{\rm E}_{2}}{12y} + \frac{{\rm Re}[\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2}]}{12y^{2}} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{1}] = \frac{{\rm E}_{3}}{40y} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{3}}{240y^{2}} + \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{3}}{80y^{2}} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^{2}{\rm E}_{3}}{240y^{3}},$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{4}^{1}] = -\frac{{\rm E}_{2}}{6} - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2}}{6y}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{2}] = -\frac{{\rm E}_{3}}{30} - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{3}}{30y} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^{2}{\rm E}_{3}}{60y^{2}}, \qquad \qquad ({\rm E}.2)$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{4}^{2}] = \frac{2\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2}}{3} + \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{3}] = \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{3}}{15} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^{2}{\rm E}_{3}}{15y},$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[{}_{6}^{4}] = -\frac{4(\pi\nabla)^{2}{\rm E}_{3}}{15} + \frac{2\zeta_{5}}{5}.$$

Using (3.13) and the closed formulae (4.10) and (4.11) one can also find closed expressions for the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  at depth one  $(0 \le m \le k-1)$ 

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} k-1+m\\ 2k \end{bmatrix} = -(-4)^m \frac{(k-1)!(k-1-m)!}{(2k-1)!} \sum_{p=0}^{k-1-m} \frac{(\pi\nabla)^{m+p} E_k}{p! \, y^p} + \delta_{m,k-1} \frac{2\zeta_{2k-1}}{2k-1} ,$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} k-1\\ 2k \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{[(k-1)!]^2}{(2k-1)!} \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \frac{(\pi\nabla)^p E_k}{p! \, y^p} ,$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} k-1-m\\ 2k \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{(k-1)!(k-1+m)!}{(-4)^m (2k-1)!}$$

$$\times \left\{ \sum_{p=0}^{m-1} \frac{(k-1-m+p)! \, (\pi\overline{\nabla})^{m-p} E_k}{(k-1+m-p)! \, p! \, y^{2m-p}} + \sum_{p=m}^{k-1+m} \frac{(\pi\nabla)^{p-m} E_k}{p! \, y^p} \right\} .$$

$$(E.3)$$

At depth two, the expressions (4.5c) for  $\beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $j_1 > j_2$  are equivalent to following formulae for the  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}$ 

$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{{\rm E}_{2,2}}{72y} + \frac{\pi \overline{\nabla} {\rm E}_{2,2}}{144y^2} + \frac{\pi \nabla {\rm E}_{2,2}}{144y^2} - \frac{{\rm E}_2^2}{144y} - \frac{(\pi \nabla {\rm E}_2)^2}{288y^3} - \frac{{\rm E}_2 \pi \nabla {\rm E}_2}{144y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3}{2160} ,$$
  
$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{{\rm E}_{2,2}}{18} - \frac{\pi \nabla {\rm E}_{2,2}}{18y} + \frac{(\pi \nabla {\rm E}_2)^2}{72y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \overline{\nabla} {\rm E}_2}{36y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \nabla {\rm E}_2}{36y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3 {\rm E}_2}{18y} , \qquad ({\rm E}.4)$$
  
$$\mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\pi \nabla {\rm E}_{2,2}}{9} - \frac{(\pi \nabla {\rm E}_2)^2}{18y} - \frac{\zeta_3 \pi \nabla {\rm E}_2}{9y} - \frac{\zeta_3 {\rm E}_2}{9y} + \frac{\zeta_3 {\rm E}_2}{100} ,$$

while the analogous expressions for  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $j_1 \leq j_2$  follow from the shuffle relations (3.35) and the depth-one results.

The expressions in the  $G_4G_6$  sector for the  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}$  in terms of MGFs are much longer compared to the  $\beta^{sv}$ , showing the advantage of working with the  $\beta^{sv}$ . At depth two we find for  $\mathcal{E}^{sv}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  the expressions

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{{\rm E}_2(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_3}{11520y^5} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^4} - \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^4} - \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^4} - \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^4} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^4} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^4} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{12504y^4} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{23040y^6} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{23040y^6} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3}\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{23040y^6} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^3{\rm E}_{2,3}}{483840y^6} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^3{\rm E}_{2,3}}{483840y^6} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{5760y^3} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla}^2{\rm E}_3)\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{5760y^5} \\ &- \frac{{\rm E}_2\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_3}{7680y^4} - \frac{{\rm E}_3\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{7680y^4} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2)\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_3}{7680y^5} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{80640y^5} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{80640y^5} \\ &- \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{15360y^4} + \frac{7\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{7680y^4} - \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{11520y^3} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{120960y^4} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^3{\rm E}_{2,3}}{120960y^5} \\ &+ \frac{{\rm B}_{2,3}}{1440y^2} - \frac{{\rm B}_{2,3}}{1440y^2} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_3)\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{1440y^4} + \frac{5\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_2}{12280y^3} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{120960y^4} - \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{226800} \\ &- \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{24192y^4} + \frac{{\rm E}_2\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_3}{2880y^3} - \frac{\zeta_3{\rm E}_2}{2880y^2} - \frac{{\rm E}_{2,3}}{384y^2} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm B}_{2,3}}{4220y^3} - \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{4220y^3} \\ &+ \frac{\zeta_5}{5760y^2} + \frac{{\rm E}_2(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}}{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}}{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{8640y^3} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{8640y^3} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{8640y^3} \\ &+ \frac{\zeta_5}{5760y^2} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}}{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}}{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{8640y^3} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{2,3}}{8640y^3} \\ &+ \frac{\zeta_5}{5760y^2} + \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}}{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}} - \frac{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}}{(\pi\overline{\nabla})^2{\rm E}_{3,3}} + \frac{\pi\overline{\nabla}{\rm E}_{3,3}}{8640$$

$$\begin{split} &-\frac{(\pi\nabla E_3)\pi\nabla E_2}{360y^3}-\frac{(\pi\nabla E_2)\pi\nabla E_3}{360y^3}-\frac{\zeta_3\pi\nabla E_2}{6048y^2}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 B'_{2,3}}{7560y^3},\\ \mathcal{E}^{*v}[\frac{1}{6}\frac{9}{4}]=-\frac{\zeta_4}{115200y^2}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E'_{2,3}}{120060y^4}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 B'_{2,3}}{120090y^6}+\frac{B_{2,3}}{1440y^2}-\frac{B'_{2,3}}{1440y^2}+\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1440y^3}\\ &+\frac{\zeta_3\pi\nabla E_2}{17280y^3}+\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{2304y^3}-\frac{E_{2,3}}{240y^2}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E'_{2,3}}{24192y^4}+\frac{E_2\pi\nabla E_3}{2880y^3}-\frac{\zeta_3 E_2}{2880y^2}\\ &+\frac{(\pi\nabla E_2)\pi\nabla E_3}{2880y^4}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_{2,3}}{3840y^4}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_{3,3}}{4320y^3}-\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{720y^3}+\frac{E_2\pi\nabla E_3}{560y^3}\\ &+\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{5760y^3}+\frac{(\pi\nabla E_3)\pi\nabla E_2}{5760y^4}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{720y^3}-\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{8640y^3}\\ &+\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{8640y^3}-\frac{\zeta_3\pi\nabla E_2}{8640y^3}+\frac{(\pi\nabla E_3)\pi\nabla E_2}{1440y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1440y^4}-\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{1440y^4}+\frac{\pi\nabla E'_{2,3}}{1440y^4}\\ &+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_{2,3}}{1152y^2}+\frac{\zeta_3E}{1440y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla E_3)\pi\nabla E_2}{1440y^3}-\frac{(\pi\nabla E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1440y^4}-\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{30240y^4}+\frac{\pi\nabla E'_{2,3}}{30240y^4}\\ &+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_{2,3}}{1152y^2}+\frac{E_{2,3}}{1440y}-\frac{E_2\pi\nabla E_3}{140y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{2880y^2}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{30240y^4}\\ &-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{320y^3}+\frac{E_{2,3}}{129y}+\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{4320y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{480y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{30240y^4}-\frac{(\pi\nabla E_2)\pi\nabla E_3}{30240y^4}\\ &-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{3020y^2}+\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{3840y}+\frac{\pi\nabla E_{2,3}}{4320y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{480y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{30240y^4}\\ &-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{120y^2}-\frac{B_{2,3}}{1200}-\frac{\pi\nabla E'_{2,3}}{1260y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E'_{2,3}}{480y}+\frac{(\pi\nabla E_3)\pi\nabla E_2}{30240y^4},\\ &-\frac{(\pi\nabla E_2)\pi\nabla E_3}{360y^3}+\frac{E_3\pi}{1260}+\frac{(\pi\nabla E'_{2,3}}{1260y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla E'_{2,3})\pi\nabla E_2}{1260y^2},\\ &+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{140y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{2880y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1260y}-\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E'_{3,3}}{7560y^3},\\ &+\frac{E'_3}{1400y^3}-\frac{C_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1260y}+\frac{\pi\nabla E'_{2,3}}{1260y}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{760y^3},\\ &+\frac{E'_3}{1440y^4}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1800y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1800y^2}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E'_{3,3}}{1440y^2}+\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1800y^2}+\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1400y^2},\\ &+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1400y^4}+\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{380y^2}+\frac{(\pi\nabla)^2 E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1400y^3}+\frac{E_3\pi^2 E_2}{360y^3},\\ &+\frac{E'_3}{140y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1800y^2}-\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{140y^2}+\frac{E_3\pi\nabla E_2}{1400$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix}3&0\\6&4\end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{{\rm E}_{2,3}}{120} - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2,3}}{120y} - \frac{{\rm E}_{2,3}}{1260} - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{1260y} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{240y^2} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{360y^3} - \frac{\zeta_5}{4800} \\ &\quad - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{2520y^2} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^3{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{7560y^3}, \\ \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix}3&1\\6&4\end{bmatrix} &= \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{120y} + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{1260} - \frac{{\rm E}_{2}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{180} + \frac{{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{180} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{180y} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{180y} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{1890y^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}}{270} + \frac{\zeta_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{540} + \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2,3}}{72} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{90y^2} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945y} + \frac{2\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945}, \\ \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix}3&2\\6&4\end{bmatrix} &= \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{45y} + \frac{2(\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2)\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{45} - \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945} - \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^3{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945y} - \frac{7\zeta_7}{720}, \\ \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix}4&0\\6&4\end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}}{135} + \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm E}_{2,3}}{180} + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^3{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{1800y^2} - \frac{\zeta_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{270} + \frac{\zeta_5{\rm E}_2}{30y} - \frac{\zeta_3^2}{315} + \frac{\zeta_5\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{60y^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{60y} + \frac{{\rm E}_{2}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{90} - \frac{{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{90} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{90y^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{3}\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{15y} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}}{30} - \frac{\pi\nabla{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945}, \\ \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix}4&1\\6&4\end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{\zeta_5{\rm E}_2}{15} - \frac{\zeta_5\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{15y} - \frac{(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_{2,3}}{30} - \frac{(\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2)\pi\nabla{\rm E}_3}{45} + \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{45y} \\ &\quad - \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm B}_{2,3}}{945} - \frac{2(\pi\nabla)^3{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945y} + \frac{7\zeta_7}{360}, \\ \mathcal{E}^{\rm sv}[\begin{smallmatrix}6&4\\6&4\end{bmatrix} &= \frac{2\zeta_3\zeta_5}{15} + \frac{4\zeta_5\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{15} - \frac{8(\pi\nabla)^2{\rm E}_3\pi\nabla{\rm E}_2}{45} + \frac{8(\pi\nabla)^3{\rm B}_{2,3}'}{945}. \end{split}$$

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The results for  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  follow by shuffle relations and the depth-one results.

#### S-modular transformations of the $\beta^{\mathrm{sv}}$ $\mathbf{F}$

In this appendix, we display various modular S transformations of the  $\beta^{sv}$  that follow from (6.1) and (6.3). The  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\4 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $-\frac{1}{\tau}$  have already been displayed in (6.4), the next case is

$$\begin{split} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\6; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \bar{\tau}^4 \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\6; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5(\tau^4 - 1)}{640y^4} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\6; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \bar{\tau}^2 \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\6; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5(\tau^3 \bar{\tau} - 1)}{160y^3} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\6; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 2\\6; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5(|\tau|^4 - 1)}{40y^2}, \end{split}$$
(F.1)  
$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}^2} \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\zeta_5(\tau \bar{\tau}^3 - 1)}{10y} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\6; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}^4} \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\6; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2\zeta_5(\bar{\tau}^4 - 1)}{5} \right\}, \end{split}$$

and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\k\\ \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau}$  with  $k \ge 8$  follow from the closed formula (6.5).

For depth two in the (4, 4) sector, the complete set of shuffle irreducibles is

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau} = \bar{\tau}^2 \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + \frac{\zeta_3(|\tau|^2 - 1)}{6y} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \tau + \frac{\zeta_3(1 - \bar{\tau}^{-2})}{2160} + \frac{5\zeta_5(\tau^2 - 1)}{1728y^2} + \frac{\zeta_3^2(\tau^3 \bar{\tau} - 2|\tau|^2 + 1)}{288y^3} \right\},$$
(F.2)

$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{4} \frac{0}{4}; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{4} \frac{0}{4}; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} (\bar{\tau}^2 - 1) \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{0}{4}; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_5}{216y} (|\tau|^2 - 1) + \frac{\zeta_3^2}{72y^2} (1 - 2\bar{\tau}^2 + |\tau|^4) ,$$
  
$$\beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{4} \frac{1}{4}; -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}^2} \left\{ \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{4} \frac{1}{4}; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2\zeta_3(\bar{\tau}^2 - 1)}{3} \beta^{\rm sv} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}; \tau \end{bmatrix} + \frac{5\zeta_5(\bar{\tau}^2 - 1)}{108} + \frac{\zeta_3^2(1 - 2\bar{\tau}^2 + \tau\bar{\tau}^3)}{18y} \right\} ,$$

while the expressions for  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j & j \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau}$  as well as  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau}$ ,  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau}$ ,  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; -\frac{1}{\tau}$  follow from shuffle relations (3.35).

In the (6, 4) sector we have

$$\begin{split} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \bar{\tau}^{6} \left\{ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{4} - \tau)}{907200\tau^{5}y} + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{3} - \tau^{3})}{345600\tau^{3}y^{3}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}(\tau^{6} - 2\tau^{4} + 1)}{30720} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \bar{\tau}^{4} \left\{ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{4} - 1)}{640y^{4}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{3}(\bar{\tau}^{4} - 1)}{226800\tau^{4}} + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{2} - \bar{\tau}^{2})}{172800\tau^{2}y^{2}} \\ &- \frac{\zeta_{7}(\tau^{4} - 1)}{92160y^{4}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}(\tau^{5} - 2\tau^{4} + 1)}{7680y^{5}} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \frac{1}{\tau} \end{bmatrix} &= \bar{\tau}^{2} \left\{ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{4} - 1)}{640y^{4}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{4} - 1)}{640y^{4}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 & 7 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{2} - \bar{\tau}^{2})}{11520y^{3}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}(\tau^{4} \bar{\tau}^{2} - 2\tau^{4} + 1)}{1920y^{4}} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \tau^{2} \\ - \frac{\tau}{7}(\tau^{4} - 1)} \end{bmatrix} &= \bar{\tau}^{4} \left\{ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \\ + \tau \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{3} \bar{\tau} - 1)}{100y^{3}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{2} - \bar{\tau}^{2})}{86400\tau^{2}y^{2}} \\ &+ \frac{\tau\zeta_{7}(\tau^{4} - 1)}{184320y^{4}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}(\tau^{5} \bar{\tau} - 2\tau^{3} \bar{\tau} + 1)}{160y^{3}} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; = \bar{\tau}^{2} \left\{ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{3} \bar{\tau} - 1)}{160y^{3}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{3}(\zeta^{2} (\tau^{2} - 1)}{2300\bar{\tau}y} + \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}(\tau^{2} - 1)}{20160y^{2}} \\ &- \frac{\tau\zeta_{7}(\tau^{3} \bar{\tau} - 1)}{46080y^{3}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}(\tau^{4} \bar{\tau}^{2} - 2\tau^{3} \bar{\tau} + 1)}{1920y^{4}} \right\}, \\ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; = \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{2} \bar{\tau}^{3} - 1}{160y^{3}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; - \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}(\tau^{2} - 1)}{2520y} \\ &- \frac{\tau\zeta_{7}(\tau^{2} \bar{\tau}^{2} - 1)}{3840y^{2}} + \frac{\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5}(\tau^{3} \bar{\tau}^{3} - 2\tau^{3} \bar{\tau} + 1)}{480y^{3}}, \\ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; = \bar{\tau}^{2} \left\{ \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; + \frac{\zeta_{5}(\tau^{2} \bar{\tau}^{2} - 1)}{40y^{2}} \beta^{\text{sv}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; - \frac{\zeta_{3}^{2}(\tau^{2} - 1)}{30240y^{2}} \\ &+ \frac{\tau\zeta_{7}(\tau^{2} \bar{\tau}^{3} - 1)}{30240y^{2}} +$$

and similar expressions for the  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $-\frac{1}{\tau}$  follow from shuffle relations. Expressions for all  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j\\k \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $-\frac{1}{\tau}$  and  $\beta^{\text{sv}}\begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $-\frac{1}{\tau}$  with  $k \leq 10$  and  $k_1 + k_2 \leq 10$  in machine-readable form can be found in the supplementary material of this paper.

# G T-invariance and convergent iterated Eisenstein integrals $\mathcal{E}_0$

In this appendix, we will rewrite various expressions from the main text in terms of convergent versions  $\mathcal{E}_0(\ldots)$  of iterated Eisenstein integrals employed in [17, 43]. Since the  $\mathcal{E}_0(k_1,\ldots)$  with  $k_1 \neq 0$  are invariant under the modular *T*-transformation  $\tau \rightarrow \tau+1$ , the rewritings in this appendix will manifest the *T*-invariance of certain antiholomorphic integration constants and imaginary cusp forms.

#### G.1 Definitions and *q*-expansions

Once we subtract the zero-mode of the holomorphic Eisenstein series

$$G_k^0(\tau) = G_k(\tau) - 2\zeta_k, \quad k \neq 0, \qquad G_0(\tau) = G_0^0(\tau) = -1,$$
 (G.1)

one can obtain convergent and T-invariant iterated Eisenstein integrals from  $\mathcal{E}_0(;\tau) = 1$ and [41]

$$\mathcal{E}_0(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r; \tau) := 2\pi i \int_{\tau}^{i\infty} \mathrm{d}\tau_r \; \frac{\mathrm{G}_{k_r}^0(\tau_r)}{(2\pi i)^{k_r}} \mathcal{E}_0(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{r-1}; \tau_r) \,, \tag{G.2}$$

provided that  $k_1 \neq 0$ . Their q-expansions straightforwardly follow from those of  $G_k$  and were given in [41]

$$\mathcal{E}_{0}(k_{1}, 0^{p_{1}-1}, k_{2}, 0^{p_{2}-1}, \dots, k_{r}, 0^{p_{r}-1}; \tau) = (-2)^{r} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{r} \frac{1}{(k_{j}-1)!} \right)$$

$$\times \sum_{m_{i}, n_{i}=1}^{\infty} \frac{m_{1}^{k_{1}-1} m_{2}^{k_{2}-1} \dots m_{r}^{k_{r}-1} q^{m_{1}n_{1}+m_{2}n_{2}+\dots+m_{r}n_{r}}}{(m_{1}n_{1})^{p_{1}} (m_{1}n_{1}+m_{2}n_{2})^{p_{2}} \dots (m_{1}n_{1}+m_{2}n_{2}+\dots+m_{r}n_{r})^{p_{r}}},$$
(G.3)

where  $k_i \neq 0$  and  $0^p = 0, 0, ..., 0$  denotes a sequence of p zeros. The number r of non-zero entries  $k_i \neq 0$  is referred to as the depth of the  $\mathcal{E}_0$  in (G.3). Divergent instances of (G.2) with  $k_1 = 0$  can be shuffle-regularised based on  $\mathcal{E}_0(0; \tau) = 2\pi i \tau$ . The dictionary between Brown's iterated Eisenstein integrals (3.22) and (G.2) has been discussed in section 3.3 of [17], and it specialises as follows at depth  $\leq 2$ 

$$\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1\\ ;\tau \end{bmatrix} = j_1! \mathcal{E}_0(0^{j_1}, k_1; \tau) + \frac{B_{k_1}}{k_1!} \frac{(2\pi i \tau)^{j_1+1}}{j_1+1},$$

$$\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j_1\\k_1\\k_2\\ ;\tau \end{bmatrix} = j_2! \sum_{a=0}^{j_2} \frac{(j_1+a)!}{a!} \left\{ \mathcal{E}_0(0^{j_1+a}, k_1, 0^{j_2-a}, k_2; \tau) + \frac{B_{k_2}}{k_2!} \mathcal{E}_0(0^{j_1+a}, k_1, 0^{j_2-a+1}; \tau) \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{B_{k_1}}{k_1!} \frac{(j_1+j_2+1)!}{j_1+1} \mathcal{E}_0(0^{j_1+j_2+1}, k_2; \tau) + \frac{B_{k_1}B_{k_2}}{k_1!k_2!} \frac{(2\pi i \tau)^{j_1+j_2+2}}{(j_1+1)(j_1+j_2+2)}, \quad (G.4)$$

see (3.36) for the power-behaved terms  $\sim \tau^{j_1+1}$  and  $\sim \tau^{j_1+j_2+2}$ . The q-expansion of (G.4) is available from (G.3) once we enforce a non-zero first entry via shuffle-relations, e.g. [17]

$$\mathcal{E}_0(0^{p_0}, k_1; \tau) = \sum_{r=0}^{p_0} \frac{(-1)^{p_0 - r}}{r!} (2\pi i \tau)^r \mathcal{E}_0(k_1, 0^{p_0 - r}; \tau), \qquad (G.5)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0(0^{p_0}, k_1, 0^{p_1}, k_2; \tau) = \sum_{r=0}^{p_0} \frac{(-1)^{p_0-r}}{r!} (2\pi i\tau)^r \sum_{s=0}^{p_0-r} \binom{p_1+s}{s} \mathcal{E}_0(k_1, 0^{p_1+s}, k_2, 0^{p_0-r-s}; \tau),$$

where  $k_1, k_2 \neq 0$ . As before, we will drop the reference to the argument  $\tau$  of  $\mathcal{E}[\ldots]$  and  $\mathcal{E}_0(\ldots)$  in the rest of this appendix.

#### G.2 Integration constants at depth two

We will now rewrite the expressions for  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  in (4.31) and (5.16) in terms of convergent iterated Eisenstein integrals (G.2) at depth  $\ell = 1$ . In this way, the power-behaved terms  $\sim \tau^m$  conspire with the  $\mathcal{E}\begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  to yield manifestly *T*-invariant combinations such as

$$\mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] + \frac{i\pi\tau}{360} = \mathcal{E}_{0}(4), \qquad 2\pi i\tau \mathcal{E}[{}^{0}_{4}] - \mathcal{E}[{}^{1}_{4}] - \frac{\pi^{2}\tau^{2}}{360} = \mathcal{E}_{0}(4,0).$$
(G.6)

We have used the depth-one instances of (G.4) and (G.5) to derive (G.6) and the expressions (recall that  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ )

$$\alpha[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{0}_{4}] = \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}_{0}(4) = -\alpha[{}^{0}_{4}{}^{2}_{4}], \qquad \alpha[{}^{2}_{4}{}^{1}_{4}] = \frac{2\zeta_{3}}{3}\mathcal{E}_{0}(4,0) = -\alpha[{}^{1}_{4}{}^{2}_{4}]$$
(G.7)

as well as  $(\alpha[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}] = \alpha[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}] = \alpha[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}] = 0)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\zeta_3}{630} \mathcal{E}_0(4) \,, &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\zeta_3}{105} \mathcal{E}_0(4) - \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} \mathcal{E}_0(6) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\zeta_3}{420} \mathcal{E}_0(4) \,, &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\zeta_3}{210} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0) - \frac{2\zeta_3}{3} \mathcal{E}_0(6,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\zeta_3}{210} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0) \,, &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{2\zeta_3}{105} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0,0) + \frac{2\zeta_5}{5} \mathcal{E}_0(4) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\zeta_3}{315} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0) \,, &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{\zeta_3}{315} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0,0) - \frac{4\zeta_3}{3} \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\zeta_3}{210} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0,0) \,, &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -4\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2\zeta_5}{5} \mathcal{E}_0(4,0) \,, &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -16\zeta_3 \mathcal{E}_0(6,0,0,0) \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \,, \\ &\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

### G.3 Cusp forms in terms of $\mathcal{E}_0$

The imaginary cusp forms at weight five can be easily expanded in terms of  $\mathcal{E}_0$  by combining their  $\beta^{\text{sv}}$ -representations in (5.10) and (5.11) with the rearrangements (G.4) and (G.5) of iterated Eisenstein integrals. We arrive at the following new expressions that manifest their q-expansion and T-invariance (see (5.6) for  $\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5} = \left(\frac{\text{Im }\tau}{\pi}\right)^5 \mathcal{A}\left[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3\\ 3 & 0 & 2\end{smallmatrix}\right]$ ):

$$\begin{split} i\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5} &= \left(\frac{8y^2}{3} + \frac{120\zeta_3}{y}\right) \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2)] + \left(\frac{4y}{3} + \frac{240\zeta_3}{y^2}\right) \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3)] \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{70}{3} - 150\zeta_3\right) \frac{\operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^4)]}{y^3} - \left(\frac{8y^3}{315} + 9\zeta_5\right) \frac{\operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0)]}{y^2} - \frac{15\zeta_5 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^2)]}{2y^3} \\ &\quad + 1920 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^2)] + 3600 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,4,0^3)] + 720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0)] \\ &\quad - 720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0,6,0^2)] - 3600 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,6,0^3)] - \frac{\operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^4)]}{3} - \frac{\operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^5)]}{y} \\ &\quad - \frac{360 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^2,6,0^2)]}{y} - \frac{2880 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0,6,0^3)]}{y} - \frac{10800 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^2)]}{y} \\ &\quad - \frac{70 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^5)]}{y} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3,4,0)]}{y} + \frac{3240 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^2)]}{y} \\ &\quad + \frac{6480 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^3)]}{y^2} + \frac{10800 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^4)]}{y} - \frac{5 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^6)]}{4y^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^6,0]]}{y^2} - \frac{4140 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0,6,0^4)]}{y^2} - \frac{13500 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,6,0^5)]}{y^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{175 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^6)]}{2y^2} + \frac{540 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^4,4,0)]}{y^2} + \frac{2160 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3,4,0^2)]}{y^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{4860 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^3)]}{y^3} - \frac{450 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^2,6,0^4)]}{y^3} - \frac{2250 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0,6,0^5)]}{y^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{6750 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^7)]}{y^3} - \frac{450 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^7)]}{4y^3} + \frac{450 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^4,4,0^2)]}{y^3} + \frac{4500 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^5)]}{y^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{1350 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3,4,0^3)]}{y^3} + \frac{2700 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^4)]}{y^3} + \frac{4500 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^5)]}{y^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{6750 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3,4,0^3)]}{y^3} + \frac{2700 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^4)]}{y^3} + \frac{4500 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^5)]}{y^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{1350 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^5)]}{y^3} + \frac{2700 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^4)]}{y^3} + \frac{4500 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^5)]}{y^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{6750 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3,4,0^3)]}{y^3} + \frac{2700 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2,4,0^4)]}{y^3} + \frac{4500 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0,4,0^5)]}{y^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{1350 \operatorname{$$

$$\begin{split} &+ \frac{6750 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)]}{y^3} - 720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^2)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] - \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)]}{y} - \frac{540 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)]}{y^2} - \frac{360 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})]}{y} - \frac{720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] - \frac{360 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^3} + 720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] + \frac{360 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^3} + 720 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] + \frac{360 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{540 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{450 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{540 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{450 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^3} + \frac{540 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0)] \operatorname{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{450 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^3} + \frac{540 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] - \left(6y^2 + \frac{180\sqrt{3}}{y^2}\right) \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] - \left(16y + \frac{45\sqrt{3}}{y^2}\right) \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] - \left(4y^2 + \frac{180\sqrt{3}}{y}\right) \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ})] + 1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0, 6, 0^{\circ})] - 1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4, 0^{\circ})] - 1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})] + 2160 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})] - \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})] + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})] + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})] + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{y^2} + \frac{1080 \operatorname{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(6, 0^{\circ}, 4, 0^{\circ})]}{$$

$$\begin{split} &-\frac{540\,\mathrm{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^2)]\,\mathrm{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^2)]}{y} - \frac{1620\,\mathrm{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0)]\,\mathrm{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3)]}{y} \\ &-\frac{135\,\mathrm{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^2)]\,\mathrm{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^3)]}{y^2} - \frac{810\,\mathrm{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0)]\,\mathrm{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^4)]}{y^2} \\ &+\frac{270\,\mathrm{Im}[\mathcal{E}_0(4,0^2)]\,\mathrm{Re}[\mathcal{E}_0(6,0^4)]}{y^3}\,. \end{split}$$

The leading orders of the  $q, \bar{q}$ -expansion of  $\mathcal{A}_{1,2;5}$  have been checked<sup>33</sup> to line up with the all-order results of [22] on the Fourier-expansion of two-loop MGFs.

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