

# Arithmetic of decay walls through continued fractions

A new exact dyon counting solution in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  CHL models

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# Introduction

Understanding the microscopic origin of **Black Hole entropy** remains a central question in **Quantum Gravity**.

$$S_{stat}(Q) = \ln d(Q) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad S_{BH}(Q)$$

Microscopic

Macroscopic

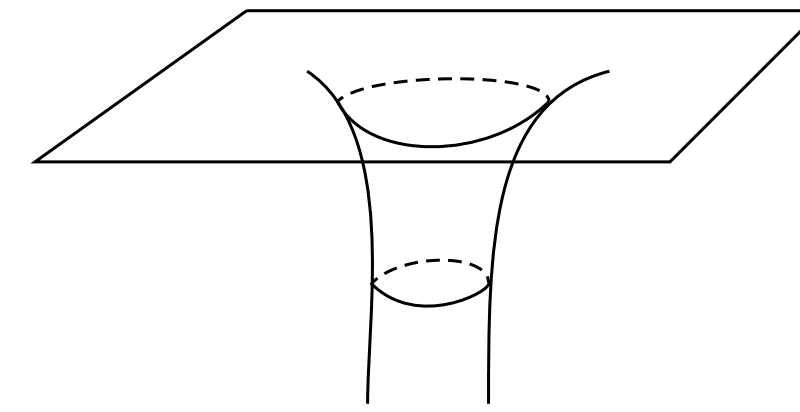
Address it in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetric **String Theory**. Concretely: study the **microscopic** degeneracies of a special type ( $\Delta < 0$ ) of 1/4–BPS dyons in CHL models.

Rich interplay between Physics and Number Theory.

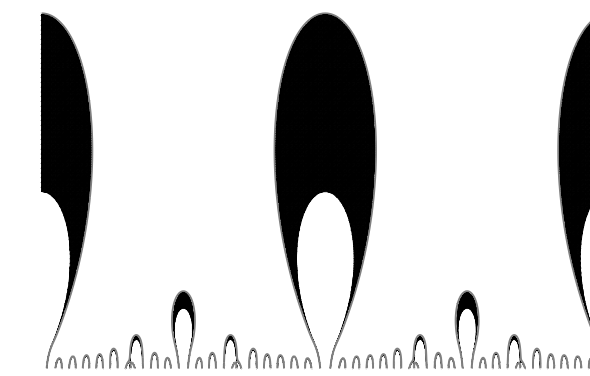
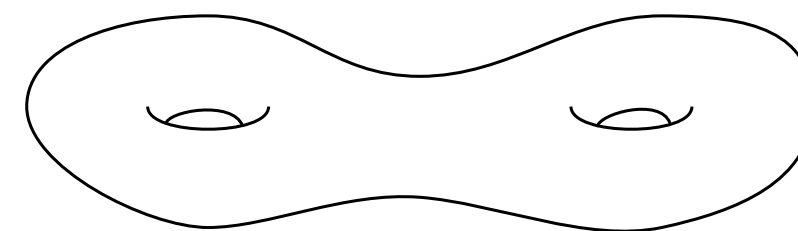
Inspired by [[Chowdhury, Kidambi, Murthy, Reys, Wrase '19](#)]. Here we propose a new systematic way to tackle these issues.

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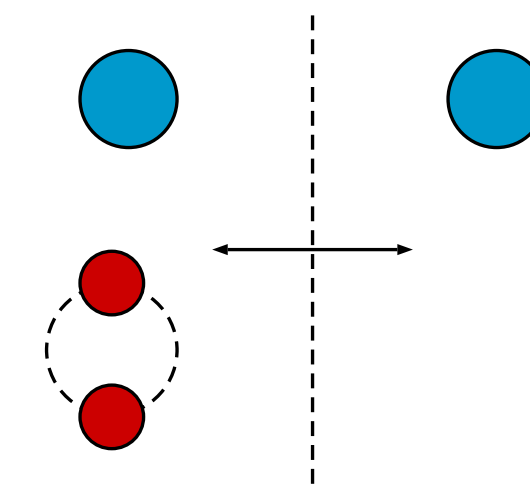
Dyonic degeneracies



Siegel modular forms  
Mock Jacobi forms



Wall-crossing



Continued fractions

$$a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \ddots}}}$$

# Setup

Heterotic string theory on  $T^6$ .

$S$ -duality group is  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$T$ -duality group,  $SO(22, 6; \mathbb{Z})$

$U$ -duality group is  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \times SO(22, 6; \mathbb{Z})$

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetry and  
28  $U(1)$  gauge groups

1/4-BPS states carry electric  $\vec{Q}$  and magnetic  $\vec{P}$  charges: Dyons

$T$ -duality invariants  $m = P^2/2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n = Q^2/2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\ell = P \cdot Q \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$d(\vec{P}, \vec{Q}) = d(m, n, \ell)$$

Relevant  $U$ -duality invariant:

$$\Delta = Q^2 P^2 - (Q \cdot P)^2 = 4mn - \ell^2$$

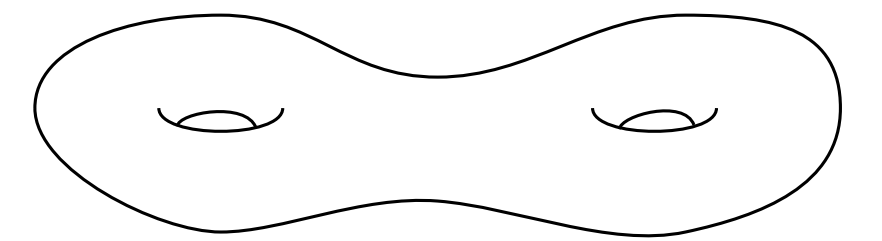
$$\text{Area} \sim \sqrt{\Delta}$$

# Siegel modular forms

The **generating function** for 1/4–BPS **dyonic degeneracies** is a modular form of the genus-2 modular group  $Sp(2, \mathbb{Z})$

[Dijkgraaf, Verlinde, Verlinde '96]

$$\frac{1}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, \nu)} = \sum_{\substack{m, n \geq -1 \\ m, n, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}}} (-1)^{\ell+1} d(m, n, \ell) e^{2\pi i(m\rho + n\sigma + \ell\nu)}$$



$\Phi_{10}$  is the Igusa cusp form, invariant under  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .

$$d(m, n, \ell) = (-1)^{\ell+1} \int_C d\rho d\sigma d\nu p^{-m} q^{-n} y^{-\ell} \frac{1}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, \nu)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= e^{2\pi i\rho} \\ q &= e^{2\pi i\sigma} \\ y &= e^{2\pi i\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C : 0 \leq \rho_1, \sigma_1, \nu_1 \leq 1 \\ \rho_2, \sigma_2, \nu_2 \text{ fixed, } \rho_2\sigma_2 - \nu_2^2 \gg 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem: Meromorphic**

# Dyon spectrum

Two types of 1/4–BPS dyons:

**Immortal**

Single centre dyonic black holes with finite or zero horizon area in two-derivative gravity

Two-centred bound states of 1/2-BPS constituents **Can decay**

[Cheng, Verlinde '07]

Single centre 1/4-BPS black holes with finite horizon area have  $\Delta > 0$ .

We will focus on

$$\Delta = 4mn - \ell^2 < 0$$

$\Delta < 0$  are always **two-centred** states

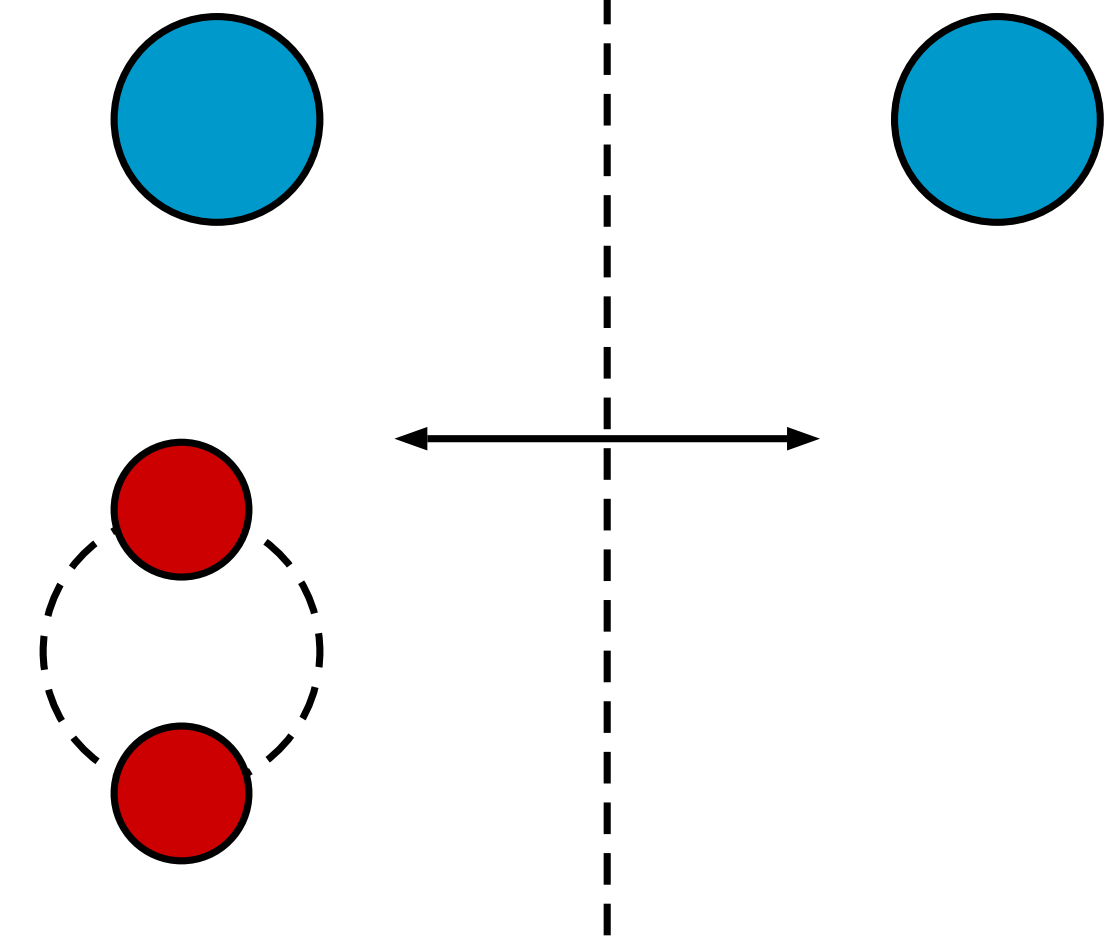
# Wall-crossing

Pole in the Siegel modular form



Single centre

Wall of marginal stability



$$d(m, n, \ell) = (-1)^{\ell+1} \int_C d\rho d\sigma dv p^{-m} q^{-n} y^{-\ell} \Phi_{10}^{-1}$$

$$C : 0 \leq \rho_1, \sigma_1, v_1 \leq 1$$

$$\rho_2, \sigma_2, v_2 \text{ fixed, } \rho_2 \sigma_2 - v_2^2 \gg 0$$

Changing  $\rho_2, \sigma_2, v_2$  in contour  $C$   
 $d(m, n, \ell)$  can jump

Two-centred bound state

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n \text{ or } - \sum_{n \geq 1} x^{-n}$$

$$|x| < 1 \quad |x| > 1$$

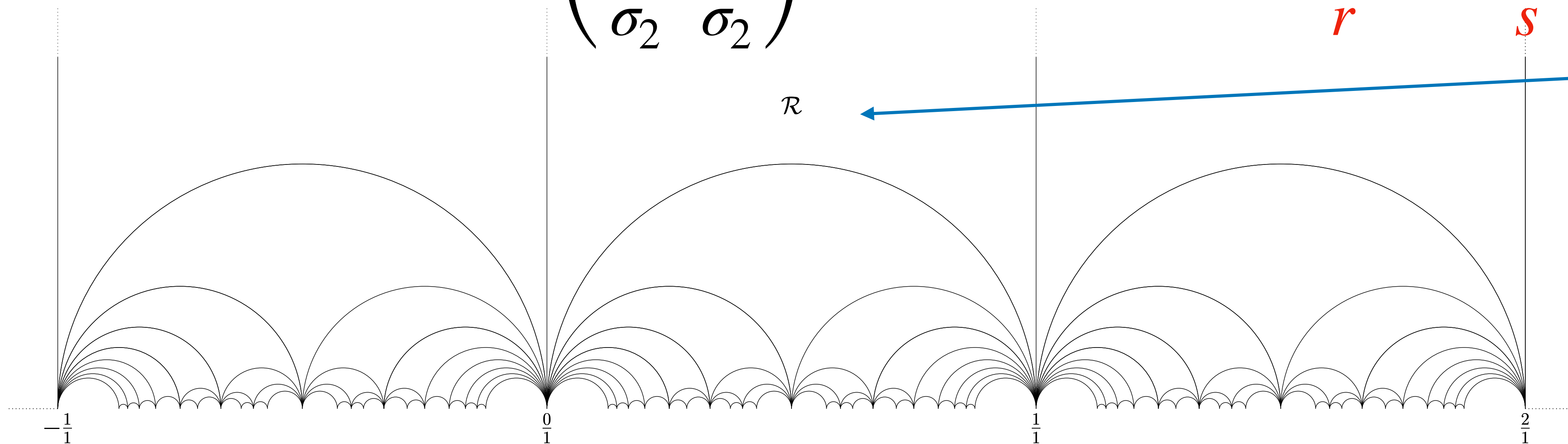
[Sen, '07]  
 [Dabholkar, Gaiotto  
 Nampuri '07]

# Poles and walls

$\frac{1}{\Phi_{10}}$  has an infinite family of second order **poles** in the  $(\rho, \sigma, \nu)$  space

$$pq\sigma_2 + r\rho_2 + (ps + qr)\nu_2 = 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} \in PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

Represent **walls** in the  $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_2 & \rho_2 \\ \sigma_2 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}$  plane by lines joining  $\frac{p}{r}$  and  $\frac{q}{s}$



[Sen, '07]



# Dyonic decay

Decay mode at the **wall of marginal stability** corresponding to the identity matrix

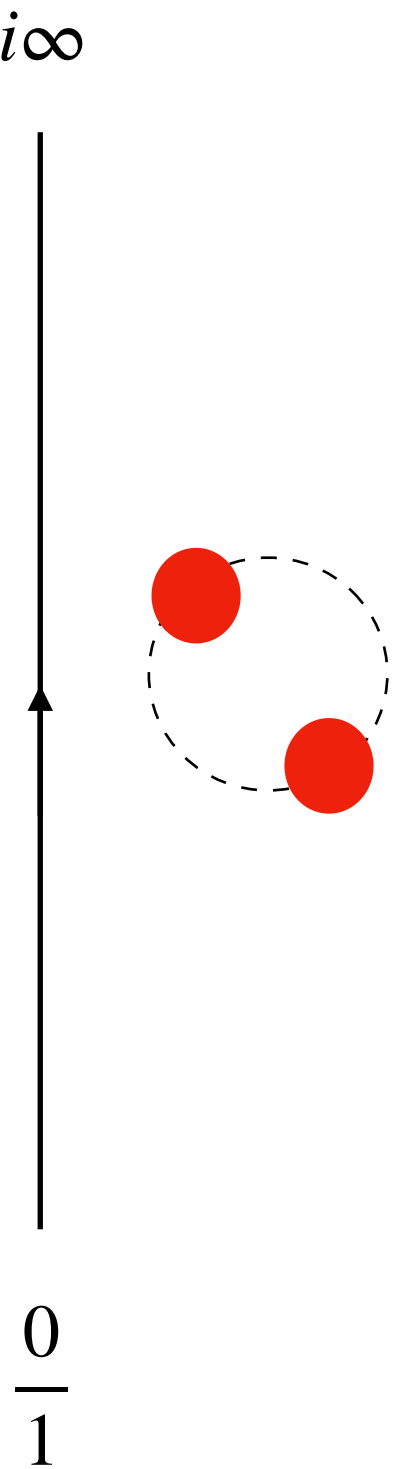
$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ P \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ P \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = 0$$

Wall crossing contribution given by the residue at the pole

$$\frac{1}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, v)} \xrightarrow{v \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\rho)} \frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\sigma)} : \quad (-1)^{\ell+1} \ell d(m) d(n)$$

where  $\frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\rho)} = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} d(n) e^{2\pi i n \rho}$  counts 1/2-BPS states

[Sen, '07]



# Wall-crossing formula

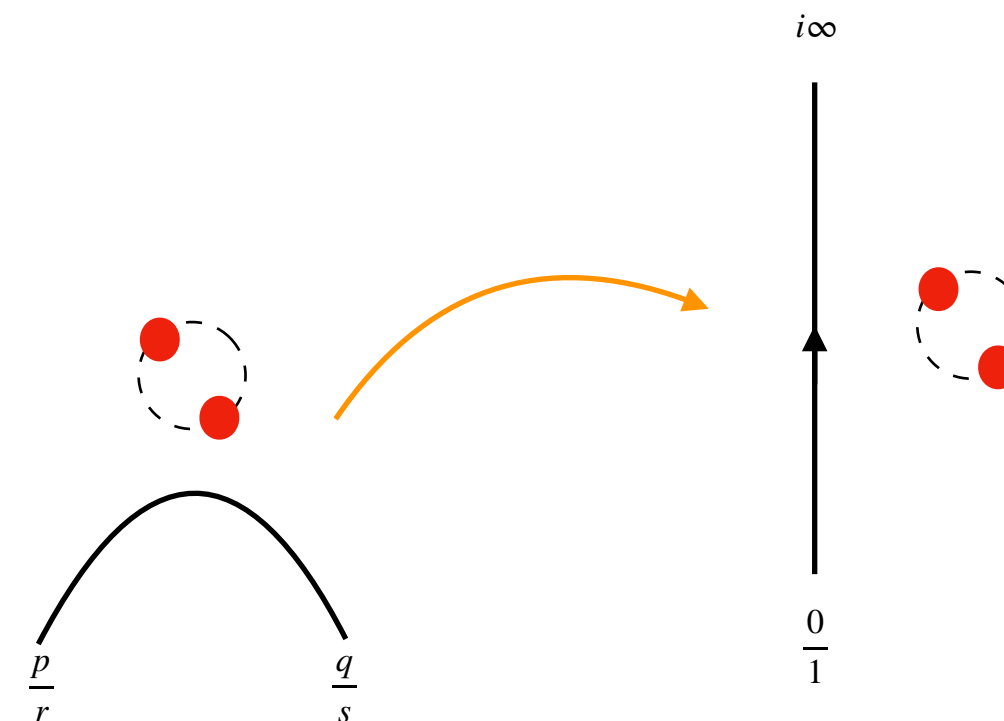
Using  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  invariance, the generic contribution at  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  will be given in terms of the transformed **charge bilinears**  $(m_\gamma, n_\gamma, \ell_\gamma)$

$$\Delta_\gamma d(m, n, \ell) = (-1)^{\ell_\gamma + 1} |\ell_\gamma| d(m_\gamma) d(n_\gamma) .$$

$$m_\gamma = r^2 n + p^2 m - pr \ell$$

$$n_\gamma = s^2 n + q^2 m - qs \ell ,$$

$$\ell_\gamma = -2rs n - 2pq m + (ps + qr) \ell$$



[Sen, '07]

[Cheng, Verlinde '07]

[Sen, '11]

# Dyon counting problem

Compute  $d(m, n, \ell)$  with  $\Delta = 4mn - \ell^2 < 0$  and  $0 \leq \ell \leq m$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ -chamber

$\Delta < 0 \implies$  Two centred-states only

The solution must have the form

[Sen, '11]

[Chowdhury, Kidambi,  
Murthy, Reys, Wrase '19]

$$d(m, n, \ell) = \sum_{i=1}^k \Delta_i = (-1)^{\ell+1} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ \gamma_i \in W(m, n, \ell)}}^k |\ell_{\gamma_i}| d(m_{\gamma_i}) d(n_{\gamma_i})$$

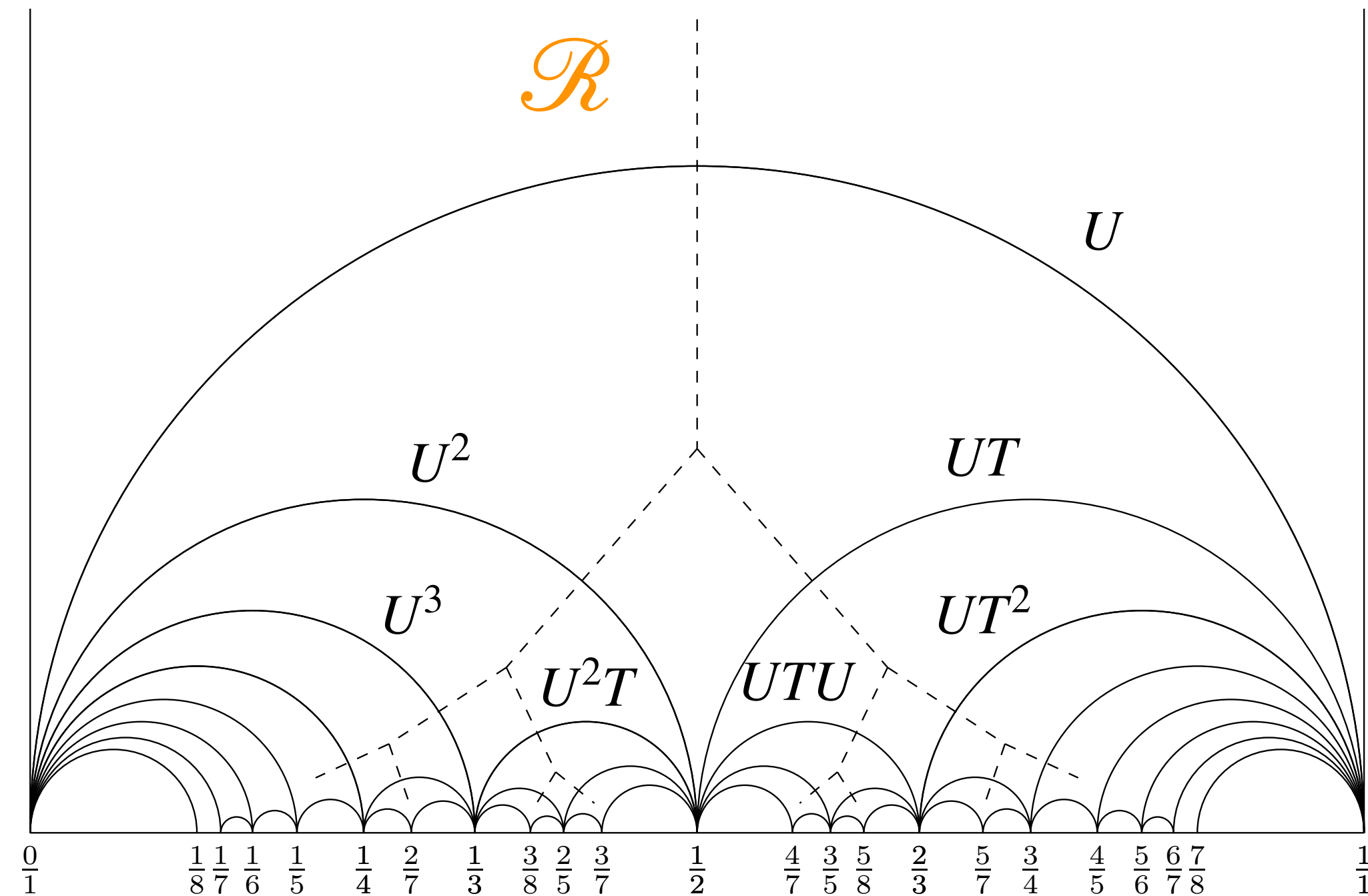
Q: How can we characterize  $W(m, n, \ell)$ ?

# Solution

Downward:

left-right choice associated to

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$W(m, n, \ell) = \{U, U^2, \dots, U^{s_1}, U^{s_1} T, \dots, U^{s_1} T^{s_2}, U^{s_1} T^{s_2} U, \dots, U^{s_1} T^{s_2} U^{s_3}, \dots, \gamma_*\}$$

$\gamma_*$  determines all  $s_i$ : Only need to determine  $\gamma_*$

Look for  $\gamma_* = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $m_{\gamma_*} < 0 \implies \frac{\ell}{2m} - \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2m} < \frac{p}{r} < \frac{\ell}{2m} + \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2m}$

Solved by

$$0 \leq \frac{\ell}{2m} - \frac{q}{s} \leq \frac{1}{rs}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \ell/g \\ 2m/g \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_* = \begin{pmatrix} \ell/g & q \\ 2m/g & s \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } g = \gcd(\ell, 2m)$$

The continued fraction of  $\frac{\ell}{2m} = [a_0; a_1, \dots, a_r] = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_r}}}}$  yields

$$\gamma_* = \begin{pmatrix} \ell/g & q \\ 2m/g & s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_r & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Result

Given  $m, n, \ell$  with  $\Delta = 4mn - \ell^2 < 0$  and  $0 \leq \ell \leq m$ ,

$$\ell/2m = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r] \quad \text{defines} \quad W(m, n, \ell)$$

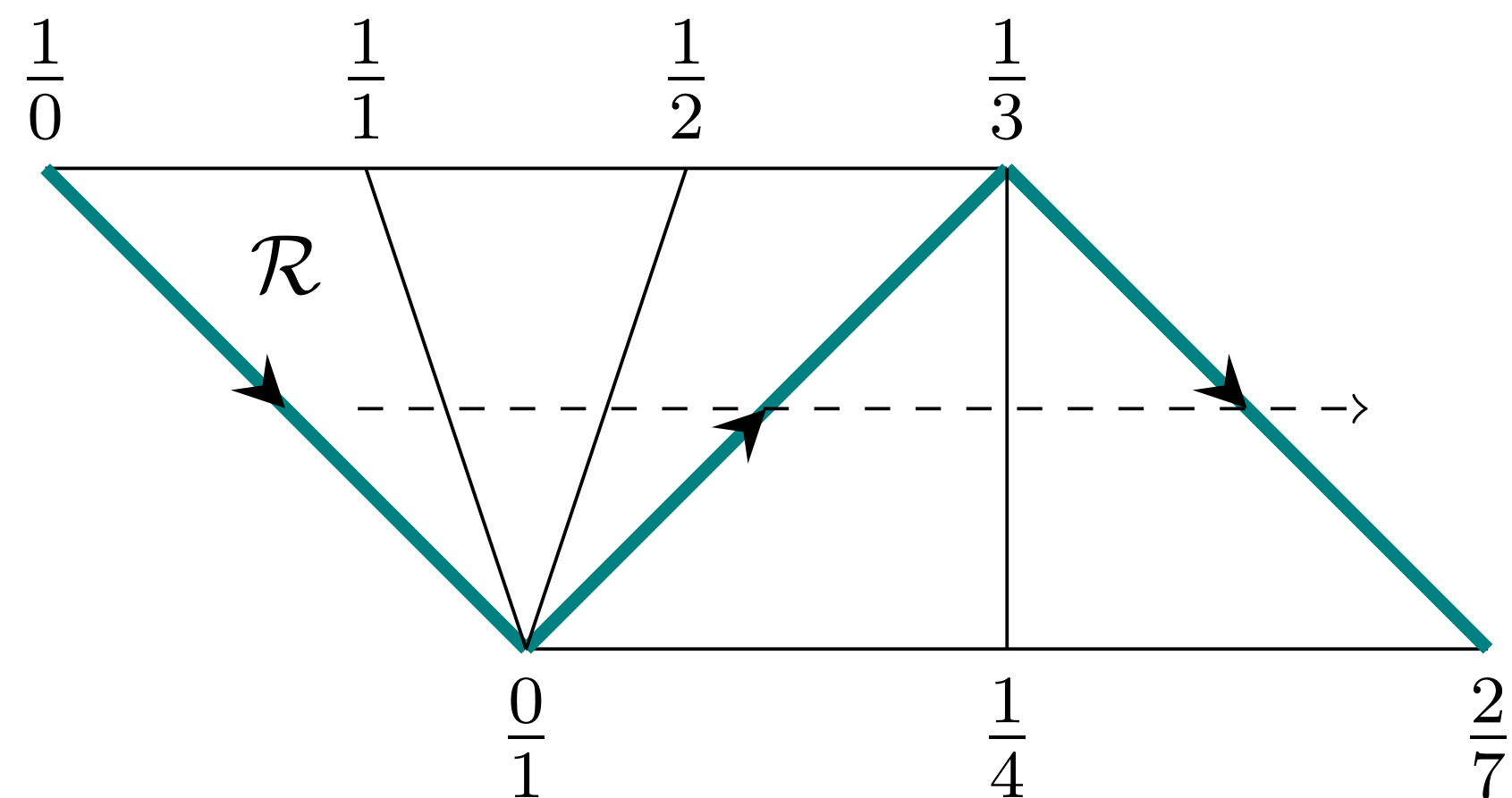
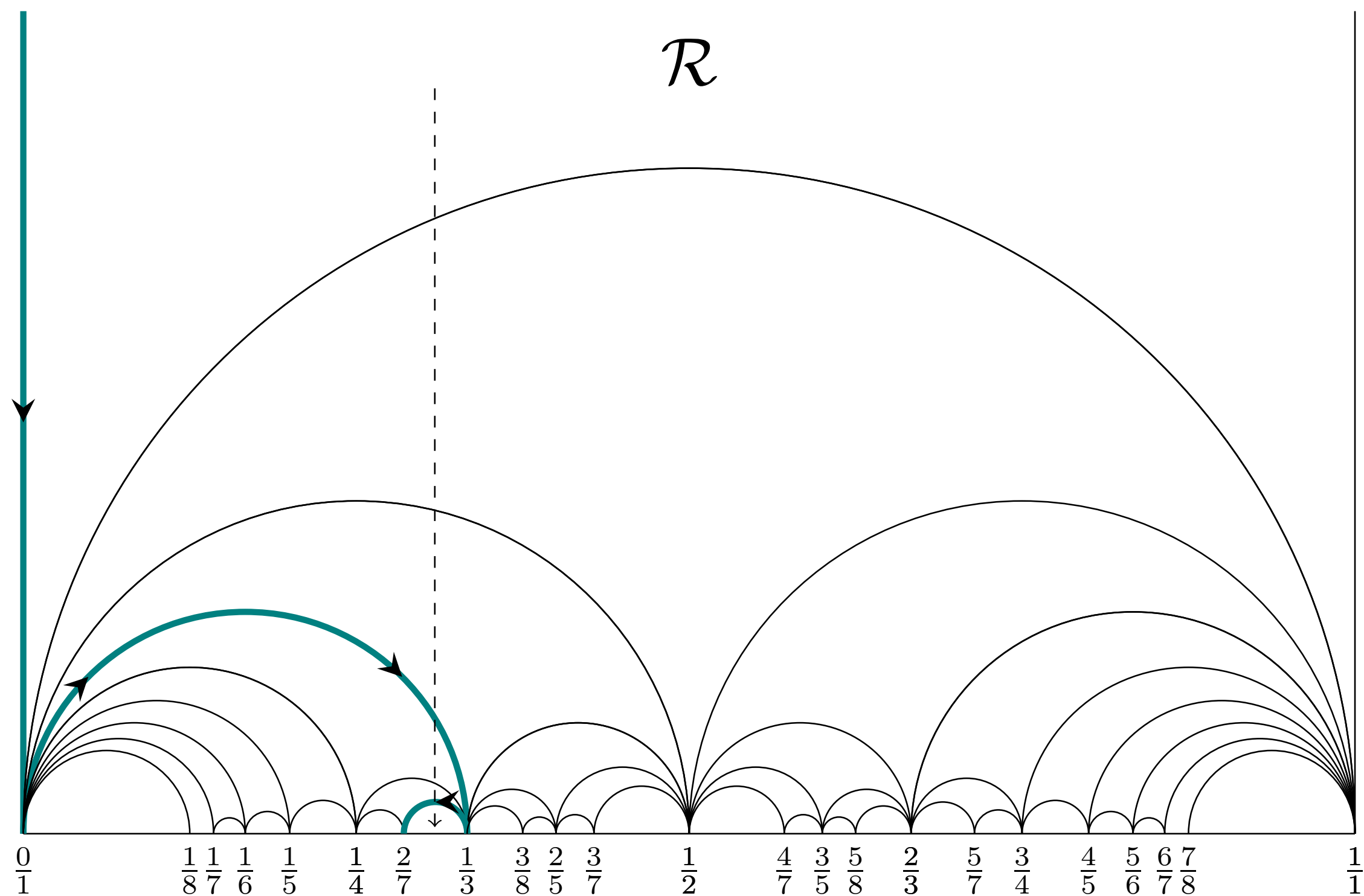
in the  $\mathcal{R}$ -chamber,

$$d(m, n, \ell) = d_* + (-1)^{\ell+1} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ \gamma_i \in W(m, n, \ell)}}^k |\ell_{\gamma_i}| d(m_{\gamma_i}) d(n_{\gamma_i})$$

# Diagrammatic representation

Take  $\ell/2m = 2/7 = [0; 3, 2] = \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{2}}$

$$\gamma_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Jacobi forms

$\Phi_{10}^{-1}$  has a Fourier-Jacobi expansion

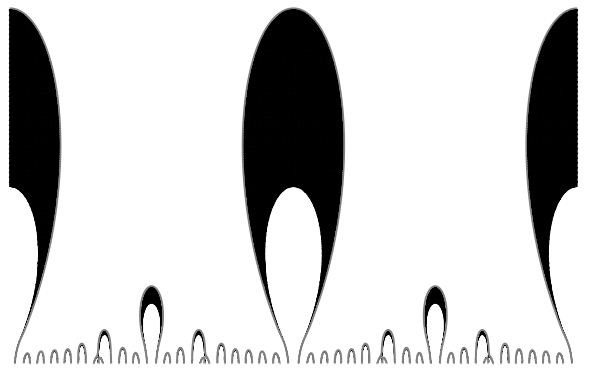
$$\frac{1}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, \nu)} = \sum_{m \geq -1} \psi_m(\sigma, \nu) e^{2\pi i m \rho}$$

where  $\psi_m(\sigma, \nu)$  are Jacobi forms of weight  $-10$  and index  $m$

$$\psi_m\left(\frac{a\sigma + b}{c\sigma + d}, \frac{\nu}{c\sigma + d}\right) = (c\sigma + d)^{-10} e^{\frac{2\pi i m c \nu^2}{c\sigma + d}} \psi_m(\sigma, \nu), \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\psi_m(\sigma, \nu + \lambda\sigma + \mu) = e^{-2\pi i m(\lambda^2\sigma + 2\lambda\nu)} \psi_m(\sigma, \nu), \quad \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}$$



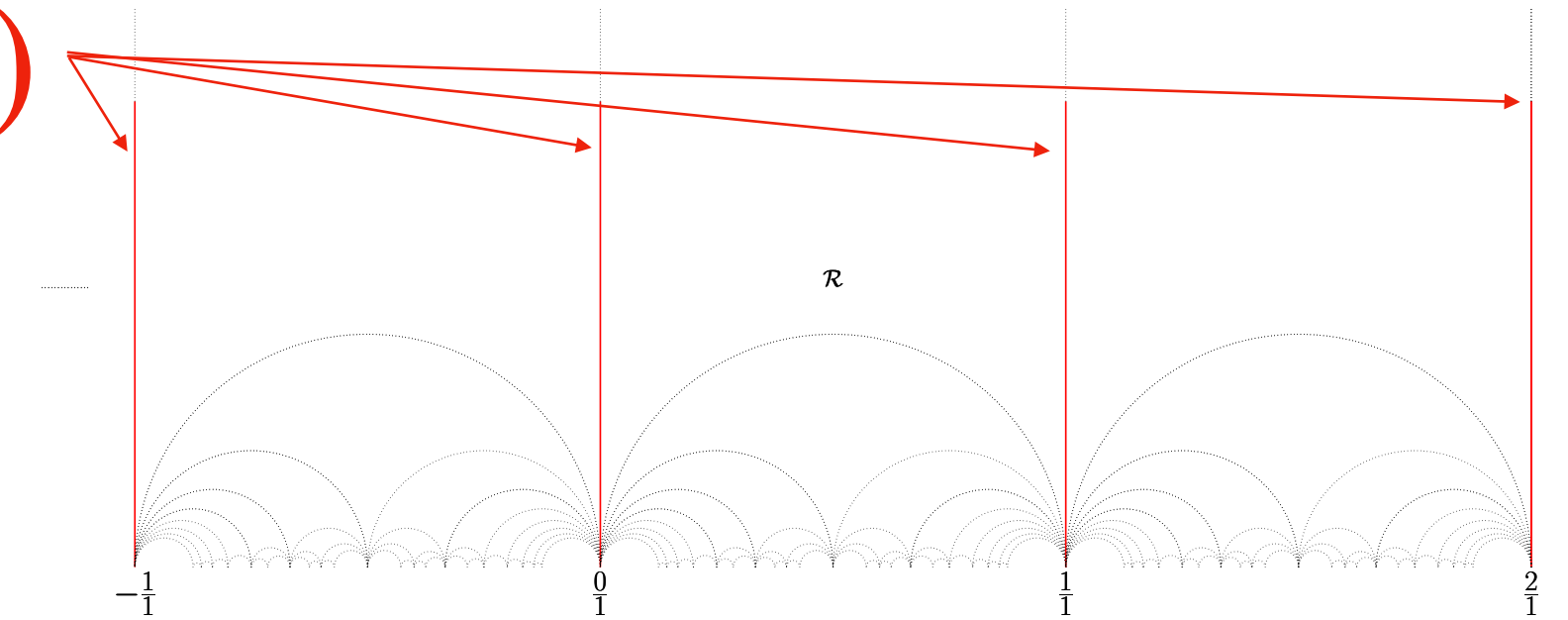


# Mock Jacobi forms

[Dabholkar, Murthy, Zagier '12]

$$\psi_m(\sigma, \nu) = \psi_m^F(\sigma, \nu) + \psi_m^P(\sigma, \nu)$$

split into **mock** Jacobi forms: a **finite** and a **polar** part.



[Ramanujan '1920]

[Zwegers '2001]

$$\psi_m^F(\sigma, \nu) = \sum_{n, \ell} c_m^F(n, \ell) q^n y^\ell \text{ has no poles in } (\sigma, \nu) \quad \text{Immortal}$$

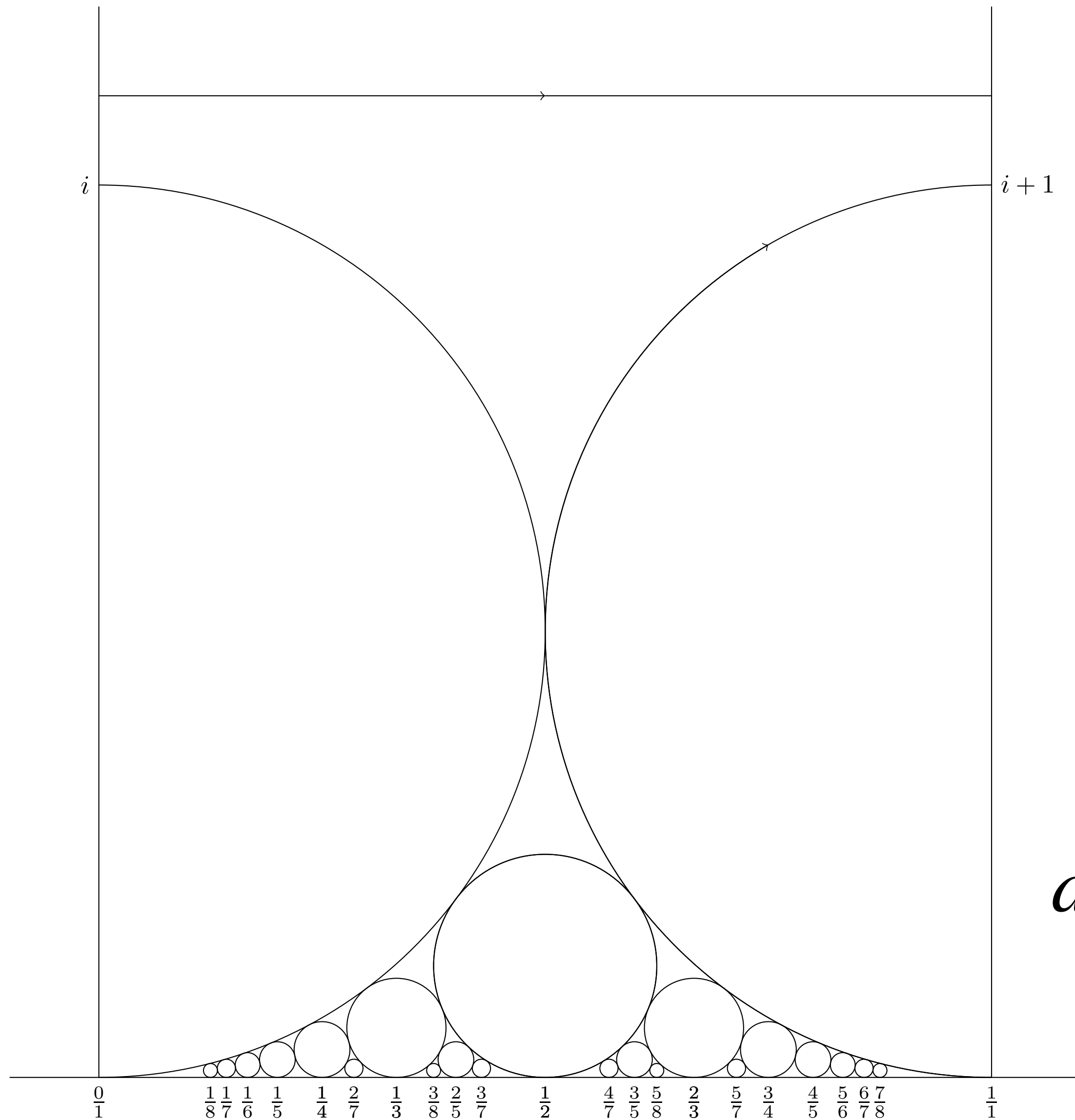
**Modularity** can be restored at the expense of **holomorphicity**.

$$\text{Ex: } \psi_0(\sigma, \nu) \sim \frac{E_2(\sigma)}{\eta^{24}(\sigma)} + \frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\sigma)} \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{q^s y}{(1 - q^s y)^2}$$

In  $\mathcal{R}$ , for  $0 \leq \ell < 2m$ ,

$$d(m, n, \ell) = (-1)^{\ell+1} c_m^F(n, \ell)$$

# Rademacher expansion



$$\frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\rho)} = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} d(n) e^{2\pi i n \rho}$$

$$d(n) = \int_z^{z+1} d\rho e^{2\pi i n \rho} \frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\rho)}$$

$$d(n) = \frac{2\pi}{n^{\frac{13}{2}}} \sum_{c>0} \frac{K(-1, n, c)}{c} I_{13} \left( \frac{4\pi\sqrt{n}}{c} \right)$$

# Generalized Rademacher expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boxed{c_m^F(n, \ell)} &= 2\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{\tilde{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z} \\ \boxed{4m\tilde{n} - \tilde{\ell}^2 < 0}}} \boxed{c_m^F(\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell})} \frac{Kl\left(\frac{\Delta}{4m}, \frac{\tilde{\Delta}}{4m}; k, \psi\right)_{\ell\tilde{\ell}}}{k} \left(\frac{|\tilde{\Delta}|}{\Delta}\right)^{23/4} I_{23/2}\left(\frac{\pi}{mk} \sqrt{|\tilde{\Delta}|\Delta}\right) \\
 \boxed{4mn - \ell^2 > 0} & \\
 &+ \sqrt{2m} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{Kl\left(\frac{\Delta}{4m}, -1; k, \psi\right)_{\ell 0}}{\sqrt{k}} \left(\frac{4m}{\Delta}\right)^6 I_{12}\left(\frac{2\pi}{k\sqrt{m}} \sqrt{\Delta}\right) \tag{A.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{j \in \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z} \\ g \in \mathbb{Z}/2mk\mathbb{Z} \\ g \equiv j \pmod{2m}}} \frac{Kl\left(\frac{\Delta}{4m}, -1 - \frac{g^2}{4m}; k, \psi\right)_{\ell j}}{k^2} \left(\frac{4m}{\Delta}\right)^{25/4} \times \tag{Ferrari, Reys, '17} \\
 &\times \int_{-1/\sqrt{m}}^{+1/\sqrt{m}} f_{k,g,m}(u) I_{25/2}\left(\frac{2\pi}{k\sqrt{m}} \sqrt{\Delta(1 - mu^2)}\right) (1 - mu^2)^{25/4} du,
 \end{aligned}$$

computes the coefficients  $c_m^F(n, \ell)$  with  $\Delta > 0$  in terms of  $c_m^F(n', \ell')$  with  $\Delta < 0$ .

# Macroscopic entropy

Sen's Quantum Entropy Function

[Sen '08]

$$d_{Micro}(\vec{q}) = \left\langle \exp \left[ -iq_i \oint_{AdS_2} d\theta A_{\theta}^{(i)} \right] \right\rangle_{finite} = d_{Macro}(\vec{q})$$

Supersymmetric localization in supergravity to compute **QEF**

[Dabholkar, Gomes, Murthy '10 '11 '14]

[Gupta, Murthy '12]

[Gupta, Ito, Jeon '15]

[Murthy, Reys '13 '14]

For 1/4-BPS dyons [Murthy, Reys '15] [Gomes '15]

[de Wit, Murthy, Reys '18]

[Jeon, Murthy '18]

$$d(m, n, \ell) \sim \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \tilde{\ell} \leq m \\ \tilde{\Delta} < 0}} (\tilde{\ell} - 2n) d(m + \tilde{n} - \tilde{\ell}) d(\tilde{n}) \left( \frac{|\tilde{\Delta}|}{\Delta} \right)^{23/4} I_{23/2} \left( \frac{\pi}{m} \sqrt{|\tilde{\Delta}| \Delta} \right)$$

$\swarrow$   
 $c_m^F(\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell})$  small mismatch

# Extra: $\Delta = 0$

New relevant  
discrete invariant:  
 $\gcd(m, n, \ell)$

For  $(m, n, \ell)$  with  $4mn - \ell^2 = 0$ , use  $\ell/2m = [0; a_1, \dots, a_r]$  obtain

$$m_{\gamma^*} = 0, \quad \ell_{\gamma^*} = 0, \quad n_{\gamma^*} = \gcd(m, n, \ell) \equiv \tilde{g} \quad d(0, \tilde{g}, 0)?$$

$$\psi_0^F(\sigma) = 2 \frac{E_2(\sigma)}{\eta^{24}(\sigma)} = -2 \sum_{n \geq -1} n d(n) q^n$$

Therefore

$$d(m, n, \ell) = 2 \tilde{g} d(\tilde{g}) - \sum_{\gamma \in W(m, n, \ell)} |\ell_\gamma| d(m_\gamma) d(n_\gamma)$$

**Note** For  $\Delta = 0$  the immortal degeneracy is only a function of  $\tilde{g}$ :  $d_{\text{immortal}}(m, n, \ell)_{\Delta=0} = 2\tilde{g}d(\tilde{g})$

# Extra: CHL models $N > 1$

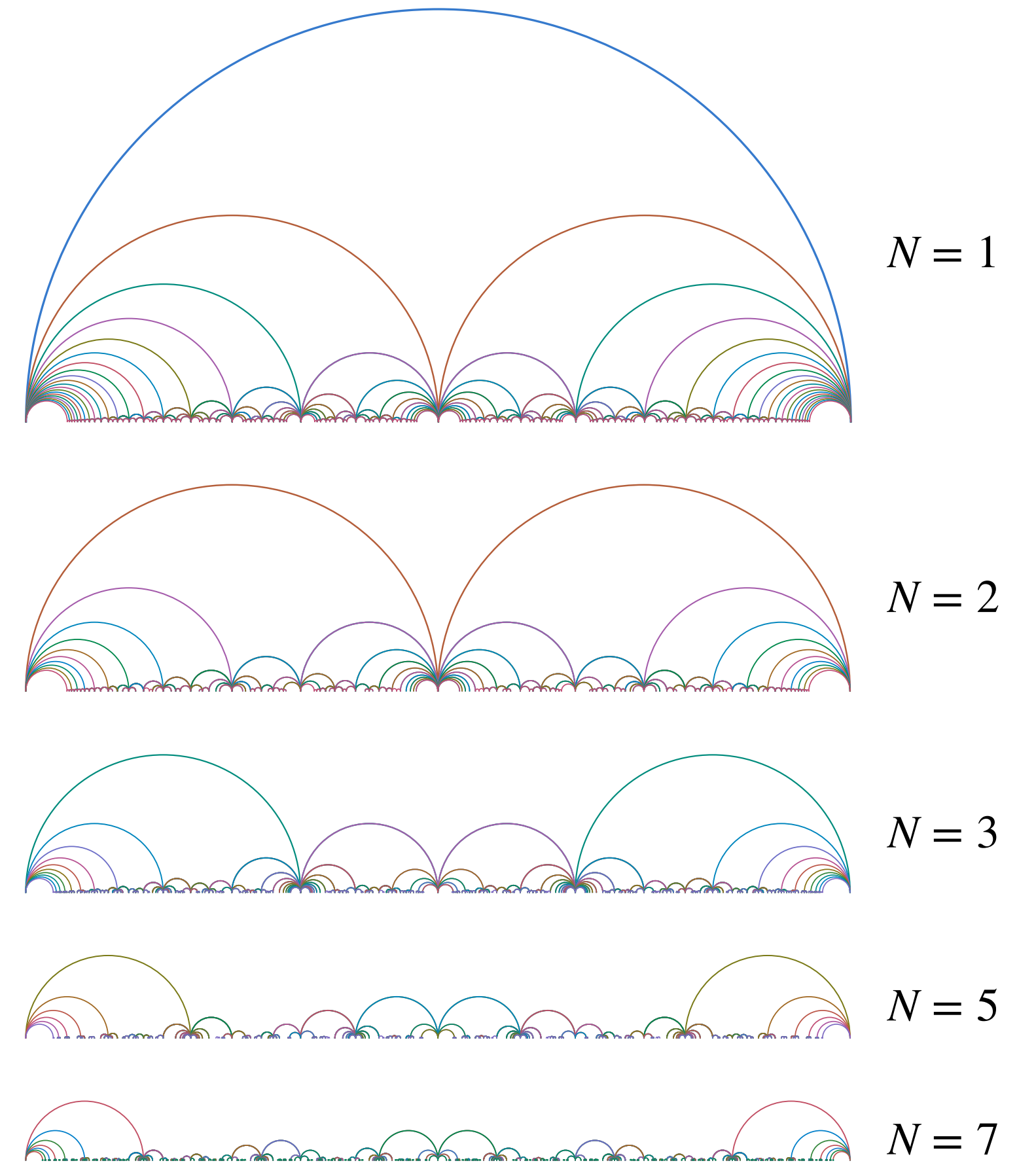
Heterotic string theory on  $T^5 \times S^1 / \mathbb{Z}_N$  with  $N = 2, 3, 5, 7$

Generating functions  $\Phi_k(\rho, \sigma, \nu)^{-1}$ . The poles

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$$

The logic is the same, but the details more intricate.

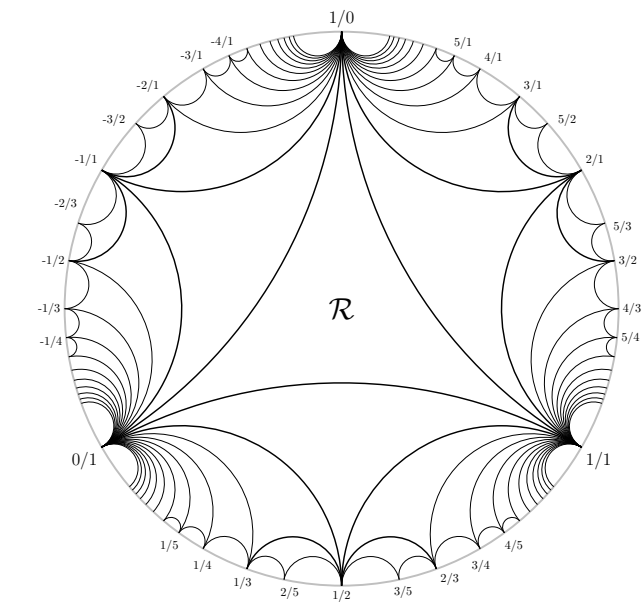
Proceed as earlier, build set  $W(m, n, \ell)$  from the continued fraction of  $\ell/2m$  but now select the matrices in  $\Gamma_0(N)$ .



# Summary

We use continued fractions to set up an arithmetic of decay walls which we used to explicitly compute all the polar coefficients of

$$\frac{1}{\Phi_k(\rho, \sigma, \nu)}$$



The appearance of continued fractions is naturally explained by the theory of Binary Quadratic Forms  $(m, n, \ell) \leftrightarrow mx^2 - \ell xy + ny^2$ .

Consistent with [Moore '98]

[Benjamin, Kachru, Ono, Rolin '18], [Banerjee, Bhand, Dutta, Sen, Singh '20], [Borsten, Duff, Marrani '20] ...

**Thank you**