

# ETA-PRODUCT $\eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau)$

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ABSTRACT. Let  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  be the Dirichlet series associated to the eta-product  $\eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau) \in M_3(\Gamma_0(7), \varepsilon)$  (here  $\varepsilon(n) := \left(\frac{n}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{-7}{n}\right)$  is the Dirichlet character defined by the residue symbol). We show that  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  decomposes into the difference of two  $L$ -functions:

$$L_{\Phi_7}(s) = \frac{1}{8}(L(s, \varepsilon)L(s-2, 1) - L(s-1, \xi)),$$

where i)  $L(s, \varepsilon)$  and  $L(s, 1)$  are Dirichlet  $L$ -functions for the characters  $\varepsilon$  and 1 modulo 7, respectively, and ii)  $L(s, \xi)$  is the  $L$ -function for a Hecke character  $\xi$  of the imaginary quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$ .

This expression of  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  gives a new proof of the non-negativity of the Fourier coefficients of the product  $\eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau)$ , conjectured in [S3] and proven by Ibukiyama [I]. We also prove the uniqueness of the above decomposition of  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  in a suitable sense.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\eta(\tau) = q^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$ ,  $q = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\tau)$  be the Dedekind eta-function (e.g. [R]). A product  $\prod_{i \in I} \eta(i\tau)^{e(i)}$ , where  $I$  is a finite set of positive integers and  $e : I \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is any map, is called an eta-product. The eta-product can be developed in a Laurent series in powers of  $q$ , whose coefficients are called the *Fourier coefficients*.

Ibukiyama [I] has shown the following result, which answers to a part of a conjecture given by the author [S3] (see the next paragraph).

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $p$  be a rational prime number. Then the Fourier coefficients of the eta product  $\eta_{\Phi_p} := \eta(p\tau)^p/\eta(\tau)$  are non-negative.*

The proof in [I] is given by expressing the eta-product as a difference of two generating functions of two arithmetically constructed lattices.

More in general than the theorem, for any positive integer  $h$  which may not be prime, we have the following non-negativity conjecture.

*Conjecture ([S3]).* Define the sequence  $\Phi_h(\lambda)$  ( $h \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ) of polynomials in  $\lambda$  by the recursive relation:  $\frac{(1-\lambda^h)^h}{1-\lambda} = \prod_{d|h} \Phi_d(\lambda^{h/d})$ . Explicitly,  $\Phi_h(\lambda) = \frac{(1-\lambda^h)^{\phi(h)}}{\prod_{d|h} (1-\lambda^d)^{\mu(d)}}$  where  $\phi$  and  $\mu$  are the Euler function and the Möbius function. Then the Fourier coefficients of the eta-product  $\eta_{\Phi_h}(\tau) := \frac{\eta(h\tau)^{\phi(h)}}{\prod_{d|h} \eta(d\tau)^{\mu(d)}}$  are non-negative integers.

This was proven for  $h = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  [S1,2,3] by a use of the Dirichlet series  $L_{\Phi_h}(s)$  associated to the eta-products  $\eta_{\Phi_h}$ <sup>1</sup>. Precisely, we show that  $L_{\Phi_h}(s)$  admits either an Euler product for  $h = 2, 3, 5$  or a decomposition into the difference of two Euler products for  $h = 4, 6$ , and that these expressions lead to a direct proof of the positivity of the coefficients.

In the present note, we prove in section 2 that the Dirichlet series  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  decomposes into a difference of two  $L$ -functions, which admit Euler products, as stated in the abstract. In section 3, we show that this expression implies the non-negativity of the Dirichlet coefficients of  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$ . In section 4, we prove a general lemma on the uniqueness of the decomposition of Dirichlet series into a difference of two Euler products, and apply it to  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  (and also to  $L_{\Phi_4}(s)$  and  $L_{\Phi_6}(s)$ ). Finally, we remark in section 5 that such difference decomposition of  $L_{\Phi_p}(s)$  for any prime  $p \geq 11$  does not exist. If  $h$  is a composite number, we do not know when  $L_{\Phi_h}(s)$  admits such a difference decomposition.

*Remark 1.* The interest on the positivity of Fourier coefficients appeared, first, in the study of elliptic root systems [S1]. Namely a simply laced elliptic root system admits the flat (Frobenius manifold) structure on its invariant space if and only if its associated eta product has non-negative Fourier coefficients, and this happens exactly for the 4 exceptional types  $D_4^{(1,1)}$ ,  $E_6^{(1,1)}$ ,  $E_7^{(1,1)}$  and  $E_8^{(1,1)}$  of elliptic root systems. The proof uses the associated Dirichlet series as explained above.

In [S2, Conjecture 13.5], we construct, by a use of regular weight system, a wide class of eta-products whose Fourier coefficients are conjecturally non-negative and are of interest.

## 2. $L$ -FUNCTION $L(s, \xi)$ FOR A HECKE CHARACTER $\xi$ OF $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$

We recall Hecke's  $L$ -function for a character  $\xi$  on the imaginary quadratic field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$ , and, then, decompose  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  by a use of it. For a back ground on analytic number theory, one is referred to [M] and [R].

Since the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$  is equal to 1, we can introduce the Hecke character  $\xi$  for the non-zero ideals of  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$  by

$$(1) \quad \xi((a)) := \left(\frac{a}{|a|}\right)^2 \quad (a \in K \setminus \{0\}).$$

Then, the  $L$ -function for  $\xi$  is defined by the following Dirichlet series, which, as a result of definition, has the Euler product:

$$(2) \quad L(s, \xi) := \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_K} \xi(\mathfrak{a}) N_K(\mathfrak{a})^{-s} = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} : \text{prime}} (1 - \xi(\mathfrak{p}) N_K(\mathfrak{p})^{-s})^{-1}.$$

<sup>1</sup>The Dirichlet series  $\sum_{n>0} c(n)n^{-s}$  is associated to a Fourier series  $\sum_{n \geq 0} c(n)q^n$ .

Here,  $\mathfrak{a}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{p}$ ) runs over all non-zero integral (resp. prime) ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ , and  $N_K(\mathfrak{a})$  is the absolute norm of  $\mathfrak{a}$  (i.e.  $N_K(\mathfrak{a}) = |\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{a}|$ ).

The first main result of the present note is the following.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The Dirichlet series  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  associated to the eta-product  $\eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau)$  decomposes into a difference of two  $L$ -functions as follows:*

$$(3) \quad L_{\Phi_7}(s) = \frac{1}{8}(L(s, \varepsilon)L(s-2, 1) - L(s-1, \xi)),$$

where we recall that  $\varepsilon := \left(\frac{*}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{-7}{*}\right)$  is the residue symbol modulo 7.

*Proof.* Recall that  $\eta_{\Phi_7}(\tau) = \eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau)$  belongs to the space  $M_3(\Gamma_0(7), \varepsilon)$  of automorphic forms of weight 3, character  $\varepsilon$  on the group  $\Gamma_0(7)$  (e.g. [S2, 13.3]). The  $L$ -function  $L(s-1, \xi)$  is associated to a Fourier series

$$(4) \quad f(\tau) := \sum_{\mathfrak{a}} \xi(\mathfrak{a}) N_K(\mathfrak{a}) e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}N_K(\mathfrak{a})\tau}.$$

According to Hecke [H1][H2],  $f(\tau)$  is a cusp form belonging to  $S_3(\Gamma_0(7), \varepsilon)$  (see [M, Th.4.8.2]). Similarly,  $L(s, \varepsilon)L(s-2, 1)$  and  $L(s-2, \varepsilon)L(s, 1)$  are associated to Eisenstein series, say  $E(\tau)$  and  $E'(\tau)$ , in  $M_3(\Gamma_0(7), \varepsilon)$ . Since  $\Gamma_0(7)\backslash\mathcal{H}$  has two cusps and  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}S_3(\Gamma_0(7), \varepsilon) = 1$ ,  $M_3(\Gamma_0(7), \varepsilon)$  is spanned by  $E, E'$  and  $f$ . Since their Fourier coefficients until degree 3 are already linearly independent, to show the equality:  $\eta_{\Phi_7}(\tau) = \frac{1}{8}(E(\tau) - f(\tau))$ , it suffices to show that  $n$ th Fourier coefficients  $c(n)$  of  $\eta_{\Phi_7}(\tau)$  coincide with  $n$ th Dirichlet coefficients of  $\frac{1}{8}(L(s, \varepsilon)L(s-2, 1) - L(s-1, \xi))$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 3$ . Let us give an explicit integral description (which we shall use in the next section) of the coefficients of  $L(s-1, \xi)$ . For this end, we factorize  $L(s-1, \xi)$  w.r.t. rational primes  $p, q$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ :

$$(5) \quad L(s-1, \xi) := \frac{1}{1+7^{-s+1}} \cdot \prod_{\varepsilon(q)=-1} \frac{1}{1-q^{-2s+2}} \cdot \prod_{\varepsilon(p)=1} \frac{1}{P_p(p^{-s})},$$

where  $P_p(\lambda) \in \mathbb{Z}[\lambda]$  for a prime  $p$  with  $\varepsilon(p) = 1$  is defined in (6) below.

A proof of (5). We recall a well-known (e.g. [T]) list of all prime ideals in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-7})$  (where we note that all ideals are principal).

- i) for any rational prime  $q$  with  $\varepsilon(q) = -1$ ,  $(q)$  is a prime ideal,
- ii) for any odd rational prime number  $p$  with  $\varepsilon(p) = 1$ , one has the decomposition:  $p = x_p^2 + 7 \cdot y_p^2 = (x_p + y_p\sqrt{-7})(x_p - y_p\sqrt{-7})$  ( $(x_p, y_p) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^2$ ),
- iii)  $2 = \frac{7+1}{4} = \frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2} \cdot \frac{1-\sqrt{-7}}{2}$  and  $7 = -(\sqrt{-7})^2$ .

Put  $\pi_2 := \frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}$  and  $\pi_p := x_p + y_p\sqrt{-7}$  for an odd rational prime number  $p$  with  $\varepsilon(p) = 1$  and, define the quadratic polynomials

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} P_2(X) &:= (1 - \pi_2^2 X)(1 - \bar{\pi}_2^2 X) = 1 + 3X + 2^2 X^2 \text{ and} \\ P_p(X) &:= (1 - \pi_p^2 X)(1 - \bar{\pi}_p^2 X) = 1 - 2(x_p^2 - 7y_p^2)X + p^2 X^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then (5) follows from the Euler product in (2) and

- i)  $\xi((\pi_p)) = \pi_p^2/p$  and  $N_K((\pi_p)) = p$  for  $\varepsilon(p) = 1$ ,
- ii)  $\xi((q)) = 1$  and  $N_K((q)) = q^2$  for  $\varepsilon(q) = -1$ ,
- iii)  $\xi((\sqrt{-7})) = -1$  and  $N_K((\sqrt{-7})) = 7$ .

Put  $L(s, \varepsilon)L(s-2, 1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)n^{-s}$  and  $L(s-1, \xi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n)n^{-s}$ , and we give explicit expressions of the coefficients  $a(n)$  and  $b(n)$ . Let

$$n = 7^k \prod_{i \in I} p_i^{l_i} \prod_{j \in J} q_j^{m_j}$$

be the prime decomposition of  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  where  $\{p_i \mid i \in I\}$  and  $\{q_j \mid j \in J\}$  are finite sets of distinct prime numbers with  $\varepsilon(p_i) = 1$  and  $\varepsilon(q_j) = -1$ .

Then, by a use of (5) together with (6), one obtains the formulae:

$$(7) \quad a(n) = 7^{2k} \prod_{i \in I} \frac{p_i^{2(l_i+1)} - 1}{p_i^2 - 1} \prod_{j \in J} \frac{q_j^{2(m_j+1)} - (-1)^{m_j+1}}{q_j^2 + 1}$$

$$(8) \quad b(n) = (-7)^k \prod_{i \in I} \left( \sum_{t=0}^{l_i} \pi_{p_i}^{2t} \bar{\pi}_{p_i}^{2(l_i-t)} \right) \prod_{j \in J} \frac{1 - (-1)^{m_j+1}}{2} q_j^{m_j}$$

Finally, we give the Fourier expansion of  $\eta_{\Phi_7}$  up to degree 50.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\Phi_7} = & q^2 + q^3 + 2q^4 + 3q^5 + 5q^6 + 7q^7 + 11q^8 + 8q^9 + 15q^{10} + 16q^{11} + 21q^{12} + 21q^{13} \\ & + 28q^{14} + 24q^{15} + 44q^{16} + 36q^{17} + 49q^{18} + 45q^{19} + 63q^{20} + 49q^{21} + 74q^{22} + 64q^{23} \\ & + 85q^{24} + 72q^{25} + 105q^{26} + 82q^{27} + 133q^{28} + 112q^{29} + 120q^{30} + 120q^{31} + 165q^{32} \\ & + 122q^{33} + 180q^{34} + 147q^{35} + 186q^{36} + 176q^{37} + 225q^{38} + 168q^{39} + 255q^{40} + 210q^{41} \\ & + 245q^{42} + 224q^{43} + 324q^{44} + 219q^{45} + 338q^{46} + 276q^{47} + 341q^{48} + 294q^{49} + 385q^{50} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

By inspection, we check the equality  $c(n) = \frac{1}{8}(a(n) - b(n))$  for  $n$  with  $1 \leq n \leq 3$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* As we see in the above proof, once one guesses a correct formula (3), then its proof is straightforward. However, we do not know yet what is a ‘‘correct formula’’ for  $L_{\Phi_h}(s)$  for  $h > 7$  (see §5).

### 3. POSITIVITY OF FOURIER COEFFICIENTS OF $\eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau)$

As an immediate consequence of Lemma 2.1. together with the explicit formulae (6) and (7), we obtain the following positivity.

**Corollary.** *All Fourier coefficients of  $\eta(7\tau)^7/\eta(\tau)$  are positive.*

*Proof.* Lemma 2.1. says  $c(n) = \frac{1}{8}(a(n) - b(n))$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ . To show  $a(n) > b(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ , it is sufficient to show  $a(p^k) > |b(p^k)|$  for any primary number  $p^k$  (i.e.  $p$  is a prime number and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ) because of the multiplicativity of  $a(n)$  and  $b(n)$ . We separate cases:

Case  $p = 7$ .  $a(7^k) = 7^{2k} > 7^k = |b(7^k)|$ .

Case  $\varepsilon(p) = 1$ .  $a(p^k) > p^{2k} \geq (k+1)p^k = \sum_{i=0}^k |\pi_p^{2i} \bar{\pi}_p^{2(k-i)}| \geq |b(p^k)|$ .

Case  $\varepsilon(q) = -1$ .  $a(q^k) - |b(q^k)| \geq \frac{q^{2(k+1)} - 1}{q^2 + 1} - q^k = \frac{(q^{k+2} - 1)(q^k - 1) - 2}{q^2 + 1} > 0$ .  $\square$

## 4. UNIQUENESS OF DECOMPOSITION OF DIRICHLET SERIES

We show the second main result of the present note:

Under a mild assumption on a Dirichlet series  $L(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}} c(n)n^{-s}$ , we show *the uniqueness of the decomposition of  $L(s)$  into the form:*

$$(9) \quad L(s) = aM(s) + bN(s)$$

where  $M(s)$  and  $N(s)$  are Dirichlet series which admit Euler product and  $a, b$  are constants. For our applications, we assume that  $c(1) = 0$  so that one automatically has  $a+b = 0$  (since the first Dirichlet coefficients of  $M(s)$  and  $N(s)$  are automatically equal to 1) and

$$(9)' \quad L(s) = c(M(s) - N(s)) \quad (c := a = -b).$$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $L(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}} c(n)n^{-s}$  be a Dirichlet series such that i)  $c(1) = 0$  and ii) there are five relatively prime integers  $l, m, n, u, v \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  such that  $c(l)c(m)c(n)c(u)c(v) \neq 0$ . If there exists a decomposition (9), where  $M(s)$  and  $N(s)$  are Dirichlet series having Euler products, then it is unique up to the transposition of  $M(s)$  and  $N(s)$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $M(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}} a(n)n^{-s}$ ,  $N(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}} b(n)n^{-s}$  and  $c := a = -b$  so that one has the relation among the Dirichlet coefficients:

$$(10) \quad c(n) = c(a(n) - b(n)) \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}).$$

Clearly  $c \neq 0$ , else  $L(s) = 0$  contradicting to the assumption on  $L(s)$ .

We first remark that one sees from (10) that if  $c(n) = c(m) = 0$  for relatively prime positive integers  $n$  and  $m$  then  $c(nm) = 0$ . Consequently, if  $c(n) \neq 0$ , then there exists a primary factor  $p^k$  of  $n$  (i.e.  $p$  is a prime number and  $k$  is a positive integer s.t.  $p^k | n$ ) such that  $c(p^k) \neq 0$ .

Suppose there exist another decomposition  $L(s) = c'(M'(s) - N'(s))$ . Using Dirichlet coefficients  $a'(n), b'(n)$  of  $M'(s), N'(s)$ , this means

$$(11) \quad c(n) = c'(a'(n) - b'(n)) \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1})$$

Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  be relatively prime to each other, then the multiplicativities of the Dirichlet coefficients  $a, b, a'$  and  $b'$  implies

$$c(mn) = c(a(n)a(m) - b(n)b(m)) = c'(a'(n)a'(m) - b'(n)b'(m))$$

Substituting  $b(n) = a(n) - c(n)/c$ ,  $b'(n) = a'(n) - c(n)/c'$  and  $b(m) = a(m) - c(m)/c$ ,  $b'(m) = a'(m) - c(m)/c'$  in this equality, we obtain

$$E(m, n) : c(n)(a(m) - a'(m)) + c(m)(a(n) - a'(n)) = \left(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{c'}\right)c(n)c(m).$$

Let  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  be relatively prime to each other and  $c(m)c(n) \neq 0$ , then  $(c(k)E(m, n) - c(m)E(n, k) - c(n)E(k, m))/c(m)c(n)$  is the equality

$$* \quad a(k) - a'(k) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{c'} \right) c(k).$$

This, together with (10) and (11), can be rewritten as the linear relations among  $a(k), b(k)$  and  $a'(k), b'(k)$  for all  $k$  prime to  $mn$ :

$$a'(k) = (1 - \lambda)a(k) + \lambda b(k) \quad \text{and} \quad b'(k) = \lambda a(k) + (1 - \lambda)b(k),$$

where  $\lambda := \frac{c}{2}(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{c'})$  so that  $\lambda = 0$  or  $1$  if and only if  $c = c'$  or  $c = -c'$ , respectively. Summing two relations, we also obtain the relation:

$$** \quad a(k) + b(k) = a'(k) + b'(k).$$

If  $c = c'$  (i.e.  $\lambda = 0$ ), then the proof of Lemma 4.1. is already achieved as follows: by substituting  $c = c'$  in  $*$  and using  $**$ , one has

$$*** \quad a(k) = a'(k) \quad \text{and} \quad b(k) = b'(k)$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  prime to  $m, n$ . By replacing the role of  $m, n$  by  $u, v$ , the equalities  $***$  hold for any primary numbers  $k$ . The  $***$  extends, further, for any positive integers  $k$  due to the multiplicativity of  $a, a', b$  and  $b'$ . This means  $M(s) = M'(s)$  and  $N(s) = N'(s)$ .

Suppose  $c \neq c'$  (i.e.  $\lambda \neq 0$ ). Then,  $*$  means another decomposition:

$$(11)' \quad c(k) = \frac{c}{\lambda}(a(k) - a'(k))$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  prime to  $m, n$ . Replacing (11) by (11)', we can repeat the previous discussions to induce  $*$  and  $**$ , where we replace the role of  $m, n$  by  $u, v$ , and consider integers  $k$  which is prime to  $m, n$  and also to  $u, v$ . Then, in addition to  $*$  and  $**$ , we obtain:  $*' : 0 = a(k) - a'(k) = \frac{1-\lambda}{2c}c(k)$  and  $**' : a(k) + b(k) = a(k) + a'(k)$  for all  $k$  prime to  $m, n, u, v$ . Taking  $k = l$  with  $c(l) \neq 0$ , which exists by the assumption of Lemma, we obtain  $\lambda = 1$ , i.e.  $c = -c'$ . By the similar argument for the case  $c = c'$ , we obtain:  $***' : a(k) = b'(k), b(k) = a'(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  and, therefore,  $M(s) = N'(s)$  and  $N(s) = M'(s)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary.** *The Dirichlet series  $L_{\Phi_7}(s)$  satisfies the assumptions i) and ii) so that the decomposition (3) is unique in the sense of Lemma 4.1.*

*Remark 3.* Lemma 4.1. can be formulated more precisely according to the  $\#$  of relatively prime  $n$ 's with  $c(n) \neq 0$ . The case  $\#=5$  of Lemma 4.1. is the strongest case. Since the other cases for  $\# < 5$  are involved but not used in the present note, they are omitted.

*Remark 4.* There are a few more known Dirichlet series associated to eta-products, which decompose as (9) ((9)') and satisfy the assumption of Lemma 4.1, namely,  $\eta(48\tau)^3/\eta(24\tau)$ ,  $\eta_{\Phi_4}(8\tau) = \eta(32\tau)^2\eta(16\tau)/\eta(8\tau)$  and  $\eta_{\Phi_6}(12\tau) = \eta(72\tau)\eta(36\tau)\eta(24\tau)/\eta(12\tau)$ . They have an origin in a study of elliptic root systems (see [S1]).

5. NON-DECOMPOSABILITY OF  $L_{\Phi_p}(s)$  FOR  $p \geq 11$ 

We finally give the following remark, which can be shown easily.

**Fact.** *The Dirichlet series  $L_{\Phi_p}(s)$  associated to the eta-product  $\eta(p\tau)^p/\eta(\tau)$  for a prime number  $p$  with  $p \geq 11$  does not admit a decomposition (9).*

*Proof.* Suppose a decomposition (9)' exists, i.e. there is a Dirichlet series  $M(s)$  and a constant  $c \neq 0$  such that  $M(s) - \frac{1}{c}L_{\Phi_p}(s)$  is a Dirichlet series admitting an Euler product. Let  $c(n)$ ,  $a(n)$  and  $b(n)$  be the Dirichlet coefficients of  $L_{\Phi_p}(s)$ ,  $M(s)$  and  $M(s) - \frac{1}{c}L_{\Phi_p}(s)$ . The following fact follows from the explicit expression of the eta product  $\eta(p\tau)^p/\eta(\tau)$ :

- i)  $c(n) = 0$  for  $1 \leq n < (p^2 - 1)/24$  ( $\geq 5$ ),
- ii)  $c(n) \neq 0$  for  $(p^2 - 1)/24 \leq n < (p^2 - 1)/24 + p$ .

Thus, we can find an odd integer  $m$  such that  $1 < m < (p^2 - 1)/24$  and  $(p^2 - 1)/24 \leq 2m < (p^2 - 1)/24 + p$ . Then,  $a(2)a(m) = b(2)b(m) = b(2m) = a(2m) - \frac{1}{c}c(2m) = a(2)a(m) - \frac{1}{c}c(2m)$  should imply  $\frac{1}{c}c(2m) = 0$ . Since  $c(2m) \neq 0$  (due to ii)), one has  $\frac{1}{c} = 0$  which is impossible.  $\square$

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