Bootstrapping chiral CFTs at genus two

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Genus two partition functions of 2d chiral conformal field theories are given by Siegel modular forms. We compute their conformal blocks and use them to perform the conformal bootstrap. The advantage of this approach is that it imposes crossing symmetry of an infinite family of four point functions and also modular invariance at the same time. Since for a fixed central charge the ring of Siegel modular forms is finite dimensional, we can perform this analytically. In this way we derive bounds on three point functions and on the spectrum of such theories.

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1. Introduction

Over the past few years there has been a lot of progress in the modern conformal bootstrap, started by [1]. The modern conformal bootstrap combines crossing symmetry with numerical methods to obtain bounds on operator dimensions. With current technology, usually one checks crossing symmetry of a single four point function only. The ultimate goal is of course to bootstrap the entire CFT, for which it is necessary to combine all correlation functions and check for mutual consistency. In [2–4] this was done for three four point functions, which lead to the 3d Ising model. For two dimensional CFTs, in addition to crossing symmetry we also require modular invariance. Similar to the crossing bootstrap, one can perform a modular bootstrap [5–8], which gives another set of consistency conditions. The ultimate goal of the full bootstrap is to combine *all* consistency conditions, and find solutions to them. For 2d CFTs in particular one wants to combine modular invariance and crossing symmetry at the same time. This is obviously a very hard problem.

Here we take a step towards this goal by combining an infinite number of constraints, both from crossing symmetry and from modular invariance. We do this by considering correlation functions on higher genus surfaces. Fundamentally, the idea behind this comes from the insight of [9], namely that consistency of the correlation functions on the sphere, *i.e.* crossing symmetry, and of the torus one-point functions, *i.e.* modular invariance, implies that the higher genus correlation functions are well defined. In particular, they are invariant under the higher genus modular group. We can thus check an infinite number of crossing symmetry and modular invariance conditions at the same time. Here we will consider the genus 2 partition function. In that case the modular group is $Sp(4,\mathbb{Z})$. This group indeed contains the crossing group and the modular group. Using the technology of [10, 11], we can relate the partition function to physical quantities such as three point functions of primaries and the spectrum of the theory.

As usual in the conformal bootstrap, there are two main ingredients. First, we need to compute the conformal blocks, in this case for g = 2, n = 0. To do this we choose Schottky coordinates on the moduli space, and obtain the conformal block using the technology of [10, 11]. The choice of Schottky coordinates allows us to translate the coefficients of the partition functions to three point functions. One could of course also use a different technology such as recursion relations to obtain the conformal block [12], although in that case one would still have to convert to Schottky coordinates, or some other suitable set of coordinates in order to connect to the appropriate physical correlators.

The second ingredient in the modern conformal bootstrap is to impose the symmetries. This is usually done by expanding around a fixed point of the symmetry and demanding that the first N odd derivatives vanish. In our case we impose it instead by demanding that the genus 2 partition function be a Siegel modular form. This then automatically ensures that it has all the required symmetries. We will only consider chiral or meromorphic CFTs here, that is theories which only contain left-moving degrees of freedom. The advantage is then that for fixed central charge the space of such forms is finite dimensional. This means that we only need to fix a few physical parameters of the theory, and then automatically obtain all other physical quantities as functions of those parameters. The physical parameters that we fix are the spectrum of the lightest states and some of their three point functions. We will call this the 'light data', \mathcal{L} . The light data then automatically fixes the entire partition function, which in particular means that we can express an infinite number of (sums of squares of) three point functions in terms of it. Assuming unitarity and imposing that all these squares be positive then leads to an infinite family of constraints on the physical parameters, giving the sought-after bounds. Note that in this sense our bootstrap is not numerical, but analytic, as for instance in [13, 14].

Using this approach we investigate the allowed range of parameters for unitary meromorphic theories of central charge c = 8k with c ranging from 8 to 72. The results for c = 24 (and less) are of course known using a careful analysis of allowed spin 1 algebras [15]. The results for higher central charges however are new. We find bounds on the number of states N_h and the squares of three point functions. More precisely, let $c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3}$ be the three point function of three primary fields. The coefficients of the partition function are then given by

(1.1)
$$C_{h_1h_2h_3} = \sum_{\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^{h_i}} c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3} c_{\varphi_3\varphi_2\varphi_1}$$

where the sum runs over all primary fields φ_i of weight h_i . We can also define the average square of a three point function of primary fields of weights h_1 , h_2 , and h_3 by

(1.2)
$$\langle c_{h_1h_2h_3}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{h_1}N_{h_2}N_{h_3}}C_{h_1h_2h_3},$$

where N_h is the number of primary fields of weight h. These are the quantities that we will bound.

Bounds on three point functions using modular invariance or crossing symmetry were also considered for instance in [16, 17]. In those cases some of the operators were taken to be asymptotically heavy. In that sense our results are the analog results for light operators.

This paper is organized in the following way. In section 2 we describe the ring of Siegel modular forms and their connection to the partition functions.

In section 3 we compute the conformal block of the genus 2 vacuum amplitude and in section 4 we give explicit expressions for the genus 2 amplitudes in terms of the light data. In section 5 we derive constraints from unitarity.

Note added: We coordinated submission with [18] and [19], as there is some overlap in our results.

2. Siegel modular forms

In this section we summarize some properties of Siegel modular forms which are important for our purposes, as well as their relation to partition functions. For a chiral CFT of central charge c, partition functions Z_g can be written as a modular form W_g of weight c/2 times some universal function F_g which only depends on the genus [10, 11]

The function F_g has the appropriate weight such that Z_g is indeed invariant under modular transformations. In addition, the functions $W_g(\Omega)$, where Ω is the period matrix of the genus-g Riemann surface, are holomorphic on the space of period matrices of the Riemann surface and are modular forms of degree g and weight k = c/2:

(2.2)
$$W_g\left(\frac{A\Omega+B}{C\Omega+D}\right) = \det(C\Omega+D)^k W_g(\Omega), \quad \begin{pmatrix} A & B\\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{Sp}(2g,\mathbb{Z}).$$

For $g \leq 3$, W_g is a Siegel modular form. For g = 1 this reduces to the definition of a usual modular form of weight k.

2.1. Genus 1

Here W_1 is an ordinary modular form transforming under $SL(2,\mathbb{Z})$, and the Riemann period matrix is simply τ . F_1 is given by the square of the η function

(2.3)
$$F_1 = \eta(\tau)^2,$$

where

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(2.4)
$$\eta = q^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-q^n).$$

The ring of modular forms is generated by the Eisenstein series

$$(2.5) G_4, G_6,$$

where the subscript denotes the modular weight. For future use, we introduce also the modular discriminant of the elliptic curve, given by

(2.6)
$$\Delta = \frac{G_4^3 - G_6^2}{1728} = \eta(\tau)^{24}.$$

2.2. Genus 2

For genus 2 we parametrize the Riemann period matrix as

(2.7)
$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{11} & \tau_{12} \\ \tau_{21} & \tau_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

and the multiplicative periods as $q_{ij} = e^{2\pi i \tau_{ij}}$. The generators of the ring of Siegel modular forms of degree 2 and even weight are [20]

$$(2.8) E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}, \chi_{12}.$$

Here the E_n are the genus 2 Eisenstein series, and χ_{10} and χ_{12} can be expressed in terms of Eisenstein series as we describe in Appendix A. Following (2.6), we define the analogue genus 2 function

(2.9)
$$\psi_{12} = \frac{E_4^3 - E_6^2}{1728},$$

which we will use in the upcoming sections.

As we will see in Section 3, in order to relate the genus 2 partition function to physical quantities, it is useful to go to Schottky space and work with Schottky coordinates p_1 , p_2 , and x,

(2.10)
$$\mathfrak{S}_{2} := \left\{ (p_{1}, p_{2}, x) \in \mathbb{C}^{3} \mid x \neq 0, 1, \\ 0 < |p_{i}| < \min\left\{ |x|, \frac{1}{|x|} \right\}, \ i = 1, 2 \right\}.$$

The relation between the multiplicative periods and the Schottky parameters are derived in Appendix A of [11]. The power series expansion of q_{ij} are of

the form

(2.11)
$$q_{11} = p_1 \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=-n-m}^{n+m} c(n,m,|r|) p_1^n p_2^m x^r,$$

(2.12)
$$q_{22} = p_2 \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=-n-m}^{n+m} c(m,n,|r|) p_1^n p_2^m x^r,$$

(2.13)
$$q_{12} = x + x \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=-n-m}^{n+m} d(m,n,r) p_1^n p_2^m x^r,$$

and $q_{21} = q_{12}$. The coefficients c(n, m, |r|) and d(n, m, r) are listed in Appendix E of that paper. F_2 is essentially a generalization of the η function to genus 2 and can be found in [21]. We will only use its expansion in Schottky coordinates

(2.14)
$$F_2 = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=-n-m}^{n+m} b(n,m,|r|) p_1^n p_2^m x^r,$$

with the coefficients b given in [11].

2.3. Factorisation properties

There are two constraints on the modular forms coming from their factorisation properties and from the action of the Siegel operator on them. They provide a way to relate higher genus partition functions to lower genus ones. These constraints have been studied in detail in [10] (see Section 4.1 of this reference) and we summarise them below.

In the degeneration limit where a genus g Riemann surface degenerates to a singular surface which has two smooth components of genus g - k and k, the Riemann period matrix of the genus g surface is block diagonal and the modular form f_g factorises as

(2.15)
$$f_g(\Omega^{(g)}) \longrightarrow f_{g-k}(\Omega^{(g-k)}) \otimes f_k(\Omega^{(k)}).$$

For g = 1, assuming that the theory has a unique vacuum, this simply fixes the overall normalization as

(2.16)
$$\lim_{\tau \to i\infty} W_1(\tau) = 1.$$

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For genus 2, the factorisation properties of the generators of Siegel modular forms of degree 2 are

$$(2.17) \qquad E_4 \to G_4 \otimes G_4, \quad E_6 \to G_6 \otimes G_6, \quad \chi_{10} \to 0, \quad \chi_{12} \to \Delta \otimes \Delta,$$

and for ψ_{12} we have

(2.18)
$$\psi_{12} \to G_4^3 \otimes \Delta + \Delta \otimes G_4^3 - 1728\Delta \otimes \Delta.$$

Another constraint on Siegel modular forms comes from applying the Siegel operator on them. The Siegel operator is a linear map which maps a modular form of degree g to one of degree g - 1:

(2.19)
$$\Phi(f_g) = \Phi(f_1) f_{g-1}.$$

A cusp form of degree g is any element of the kernel of this linear map. Using (2.16), we find that

$$(2.20) \qquad \qquad \Phi(W_q) = W_{q-1}.$$

For g = 1 we have chosen the normalisation of degree one Eisenstein series in (2.5) such that the constant term in the Fourier expansion is 1. We then have

(2.21)
$$\Phi(G_4) = 1, \quad \Phi(G_6) = 1.$$

The discriminant (2.6) is a cusp form of degree 1:

$$(2.22) \Phi(\Delta) = 0.$$

The action of the Siegel operator on the generators of modular forms of degree 2 is

(2.23)
$$\Phi(E_4) = G_4, \quad \Phi(E_6) = G_6, \quad \Phi(\chi_{10}) = 0, \quad \Phi(\chi_{12}) = 0,$$

and so χ_{10} and χ_{12} are cusp forms of degree 2. We also have

(2.24)
$$\Phi(\psi_{12}) = \Delta.$$

3. Genus two conformal block expansion

3.1. Genus 2 partition function

Let us now relate the partition functions to physical quantities. For the genus 1 partition function, this is of course straightforward: we simply have usual graded trace

(3.1)
$$Z_1 = \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \dim \mathcal{H}_h q^{h-c/24}.$$

The genus 2 partition function is a bit more subtle. We follow the approach of [11] and consider the surface to be a sphere of four punctures with two handles. In terms of the coordinates this means we perform a Schottky uniformisation of the genus 2 surface. The partition function is then given by a sum over four point functions on the sphere:

(3.2)
$$Z_2 = \sum_{h_1,h_2=0}^{\infty} C_{h_1,h_2}(x) p_1^{h_1} p_2^{h_2},$$

with p_1 , p_2 , and x being the Schottky coordinates. Here there are 4 punctures on the sphere with cross ratio x, and two handles glue these punctures pairwise with coordinates p_1 and p_2 determining the shapes of these handles. The sum over functions $C_{h_1,h_2}(x)$ then represent the sum over four point functions on the sphere where fields of dimensions h_1 and h_2 run through the two handles:

(3.3)
$$C_{h_1,h_2}(x) = \sum_{\phi_i,\psi_i \in \mathcal{H}_{h_i}} G_{\phi_1,\psi_1}^{-1} G_{\phi_2,\psi_2}^{-1} \times \left\langle V^{out}(\psi_1,\infty) \ V^{out}(\psi_2,x) \ V^{in}(\phi_2,1) \ V^{in}(\phi_1,0) \right\rangle.$$

where $G_{\phi\psi}$ is the metric on the space of states. C_{h_1,h_2} are almost the standard four point functions, except for a slightly different definition of the "in" and "out" vertex operators.

Let us explain this in more detail. First note that under a global conformal transformation γ , *i.e.* a Möbius transformation, a state transforms as

(3.4)
$$U(\gamma) = \gamma'(z)^{L_0} e^{L_1 \frac{\gamma''(z)}{2\gamma'(z)}}.$$

In particular, we have the transposition map $\hat{\gamma}: z \mapsto -\frac{1}{z}$, which gives [22, 23]

(3.5)
$$V(\phi, z)^T = V\left(z^{-2L_0}e^{-\frac{1}{z}L_1}\phi, -\frac{1}{z}\right).$$

The metric $G_{\phi\psi}$ is then given by

(3.6)
$$G_{\phi\psi} = \lim_{z \to 0} \left\langle V\left(z^{-2L_0}e^{-\frac{1}{z}L_1}\phi, -\frac{1}{z}\right)V(\psi, 0)\right\rangle \\ = \lim_{z \to \infty} \langle V(z^{2L_0}e^{zL_1}\phi, z) \ V(\psi, 0)\rangle.$$

Since we are interested in unitary theories, we want to introduce a hermitian structure. Let "-" be the antilinear involution which acts as hermitian conjugation on the Hilbert space. Note that it acts on operators as

(3.7)
$$\overline{V_n(\psi)} = (-1)^{h+n} V_n(\bar{\psi}).$$

We will usually choose our primaries to be real, that is to satisfy $\bar{\varphi} = \varphi$. Note that this choice implies for descendant fields that

$$(3.8)\qquad \qquad \bar{\phi} = (-1)^{N_{\phi}}\phi,$$

where N_{ϕ} is the total level of all Virasoro descendants. Using this notation, the metric G can be related to the standard Kac matrix $K_{\phi\psi}$ as

(3.9)
$$K_{\phi\psi} = G_{\bar{\phi}\psi}.$$

It is useful to write (3.3) as

$$(3.10) \quad C_{h_1,h_2}(x) = \sum_{\substack{\phi_i,\psi_i \in \mathcal{H}_{h_i} \\ \times \left\langle V^{out}(\bar{\psi}_1,\infty) \ V^{out}(\bar{\psi}_2,x) \ V^{in}(\phi_2,1) \ V^{in}(\phi_1,0) \right\rangle}.$$

The vertices V^{in} and V^{out} are defined as [11]

(3.11)
$$V^{in}(\phi_1, 0) = V(\phi_1, 0) = \phi_1(0),$$

(3.12)
$$V^{out}(\psi_1, \infty) = V\left(U\left(\hat{\gamma}(z)\right)\psi_1, \infty\right) = \lim_{z \to \infty} V(z^{2L_0} e^{z L_1}\psi_1, z),$$

and

(3.13)
$$V^{in}(\phi_2, 1) = V\Big((x-1)^{L_0} e^{-L_1} \phi_2, 1\Big),$$

(3.14)
$$V^{out}(\psi_2, x) = V\Big((x-1)^{L_0} e^{L_1} \psi_2, x\Big),$$

and are the usual vertex operators for quasi-primary fields ϕ_i and ψ_i since the corresponding states are annihilated by L_1 . However, if ϕ_i and ψ_i are not quasi-primary operators, then the action of L_1 on them is non-trivial and hence, the factors of e^{L_1} are needed to be taken into account. Non-quasiprimary operators transform non-tensorially under Möbius transformations and so acquire additional factors. These factors then render the four point functions crossing symmetric.

We take all primary fields to be orthonormal. We have

(3.15)
$$V^{in}(\phi_1, 0)|0\rangle = |\phi_1\rangle,$$

(3.16)
$$\langle 0|V^{out}(\bar{\psi}_1,\infty) = \langle \psi_1|.$$

Let us also define the corresponding three point functions. Namely,

(3.17)
$$C^{out}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; x) = x^{-h_3 + h_1 + h_2} \langle \phi_3 | V^{out}(\bar{\phi}_2, x) | \phi_1 \rangle$$

and

(3.18)
$$C^{in}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; x) = \langle \phi_1 | V^{in}(\phi_2, 1) | \phi_3 \rangle.$$

Inserting a complete set of states ϕ_3 , ψ_3 , we then rewrite (3.2) as

(3.19)
$$Z_{2} = \sum_{\phi_{i},\psi_{i}\in\mathcal{H}} \prod_{i=1}^{3} K_{\phi_{i}\psi_{i}}^{-1} C^{out}(\phi_{1},\phi_{2},\phi_{3};x) \times C^{in}(\psi_{1},\psi_{2},\psi_{3};x) p_{1}^{h_{1}} p_{2}^{h_{2}} x^{h_{3}-h_{1}-h_{2}}$$

We shall also slightly rewrite the vertex operators (3.13) and (3.14) to get nicer expressions for C^{in} and C^{out} . Namely, we use

(3.20)
$$V^{in}(\phi,1) = (x-1)^{h_{\phi}} V(e^{-\frac{1}{x-1}L_{1}}\phi,1)$$

and

(3.21)
$$V^{out}(\phi, x) = x^{L_0} x^{-h_{\phi}} (x-1)^{h_{\phi}} V(e^{\frac{x}{x-1}L_1}\phi, 1) x^{-L_0},$$

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to find

(3.22)
$$C^{out}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; x) = (x-1)^{h_{\phi_2}} \langle \phi_3 | V(e^{-\frac{x}{1-x}L_1} \bar{\phi}_2, 1) | \phi_1 \rangle,$$

(3.23)
$$C^{in}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; x) = (x-1)^{h_{\phi_2}} \langle \phi_1 | V(e^{-\frac{1}{x-1}L_1}\phi_2, 1) | \phi_3 \rangle.$$

These in fact have the property that

$$(3.24) C^{out}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; x)^* = (x^* - 1)^{h_{\phi_2}} \langle \phi_1 | V(e^{-\frac{x}{1-x}L_1} \bar{\phi}_2, 1)^\dagger | \phi_3 \rangle = (x^* - 1)^{h_{\phi_2}} \langle \phi_1 | V(e^{-\frac{x}{1-x}L_1} \bar{\phi}_2, 1) | \phi_3 \rangle = (x^* - 1)^{h_{\phi_2}} \langle \phi_1 | V(e^{-\frac{1}{1-x}L_1} \phi_2, 1) | \phi_3 \rangle = (x^* - 1)^{h_{\phi_2}} \langle \phi_1 | V(e^{-\frac{1}{x^*-1}L_1} \phi_2, 1) | \phi_3 \rangle = C^{in}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; x^*).$$

3.2. Genus two conformal block

We compute the genus 2 partition function (3.19) by decomposing it into conformal blocks:

(3.25)
$$Z_2(p_1, p_2, x) = \sum_{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3 \in \mathcal{H}^p} c_{\varphi_1 \varphi_2 \varphi_3} c_{\bar{\varphi}_3 \bar{\varphi}_2 \bar{\varphi}_1} \mathcal{F}_{2,0}(h_i, c; p_1, p_2, x).$$

Here the triple sum is over all primary fields φ of the theory, $c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3}$ is their three point function, and $\mathcal{F}_{2,0}(h_i,c;p_1,p_2,x)$ is the conformal block for the genus 2 surface with zero punctures given in Schottky coordinates.

As usual in the conformal bootstrap, we now make the assumption that the theory is unitary. This means that the Kac matrix (3.9) is positive definite, in particular also for primary fields. This means that we can choose an orthonormal basis for the primary fields. Note moreover that for any theory we can choose our primaries to be real, *i.e.*, $\varphi = \overline{\varphi}$ [23]. In this case the three point functions are either real or purely imaginary, depending on the weight of the fields, due to the general identity

(3.26)
$$c^*_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3} = (-1)^{h_1 + h_2 + h_3} c_{\bar{\varphi}_1\bar{\varphi}_2\bar{\varphi}_3}$$

In addition, because of $c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3} = (-1)^{h_1+h_2+h_3} c_{\varphi_3\varphi_2\varphi_1}$ we have

$$c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3}c_{\bar{\varphi}_3\bar{\varphi}_2\bar{\varphi}_1} = |c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3}|^2,$$

and so the coefficients in front of the conformal block are necessarily nonnegative. The Kac matrix is then simply the Kac matrix of the descendants, with the primaries being orthonormal.

For a primary field φ , we define the associated descendant state $|\varphi, \vec{N}\rangle$ as:

(3.27)
$$|\varphi, \vec{N}\rangle = L_{N_1} L_{N_2} \cdots L_{N_n} |\varphi\rangle,$$

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where $\vec{N} = (N_1, N_2, ..., N_n)$, and $-\vec{N}$ is a partition with $N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \cdots \leq N_n < 0$. We define $|\vec{N}| = N := \sum_i N_i$. The Kac matrix between two such states is then defined in the usual way,

(3.28)
$$K_{\vec{N},\vec{M}} = \langle \varphi, \vec{N} | \varphi, \vec{M} \rangle.$$

Note that K vanishes between two different primary fields, and only depends on φ through its weight h_{φ} . For brevity, we have thus suppressed the dependence on φ . Using (3.19) and (3.25), we can then compute $\mathcal{F}_{2,0}$:

$$(3.29) \quad \mathcal{F}_{2,0} = |c_{\varphi_1 \varphi_2 \varphi_3}|^{-2} \sum_{\vec{N}_i, \vec{M}_i} \prod_{i=1}^3 K_{\vec{N}_i, \vec{M}_i}^{-1} C^{in}(h_i, \vec{M}_i; x) C^{out}(h_i, \vec{N}_i; x) \times p_1^{h_1 - N_1} p_2^{h_2 - N_2} x^{h_3 - N_3 - h_1 + N_1 - h_2 + N_2}.$$

To compute explicit expressions, it is useful to define the 'ordinary' three point function

(3.30)
$$C(h_i, \vec{N}_i) = \langle h_1, \vec{N}_1 | V(|h_2, \vec{N}_2\rangle, 1) | h_3, \vec{N}_3 \rangle$$
$$= \langle h_1, \vec{N}_1 | V_{h_3 - N_3 - h_1 + N_1}(|h_2, \vec{N}_2\rangle) | h_3, \vec{N}_3 \rangle$$

where V is the usual vertex operator (see Section 3.3 below for more details). Using this we shall then write C^{in} and C^{out} in terms of 'ordinary' three point functions:

$$(3.31) \quad C^{out}(h_i, \vec{N}_i; x) = (-1)^{N_2} (x-1)^{h_2 - N_2} \\ \times \sum_{l=0}^{-N_2} \frac{1}{l!} \left(\frac{-x}{1-x}\right)^l C(h_3, \vec{N}_3, h_2, L_1^l \vec{N}_2, h_1, \vec{N}_1), \\ C^{in}(h_i, \vec{N}_i; x) = (x-1)^{h_2 - N_2} \\ \times \sum_{l=0}^{-N_2} \frac{1}{l!} (1-x)^{-l} C(h_1, \vec{N}_1, h_2, L_1^l \vec{N}_2, h_3, \vec{N}_3).$$

Note the extra factor of $(-1)^{N_2}$ in C^{out} which accounts for the fact that in C^{out} the operator inserted is $\overline{\phi}_2$ rather than ϕ_2 .

3.3. Computing three point functions

Finally, let us explain how to compute the ordinary three point functions (3.30) recursively for general descendant fields. We use the recursion formula of [24] to write the expression for the ℓ^{th} descendant of the operator ϕ_{ℓ} located at x and 1. This operator might be a Virasoro primary, the identity, or a descendant of them and so in general picking up the mode is non-trivial. In terms of the modes V_n , the general expression reads

$$(3.32)$$

$$V_{-N_{1}}\left(V_{-N_{2}}(\psi)\chi\right) = \sum_{L\geq 0} \left(\binom{N_{2}+L-h_{\psi}}{L}V_{-N_{2}-L}(\psi)V_{-N_{1}+N_{2}+L}(\chi) + (-1)^{N_{2}-h_{\psi}+2}\binom{N_{2}+L-h_{\psi}}{L}V_{-N_{1}+h_{\psi}-L-1}(\chi)V_{-h_{\psi}+L+1}(\psi)\right).$$

In particular, for our purposes we have $\psi = T$ — so that the modes $V_n(T) \equiv L_n$ are the Virasoro modes — and so the modes V_n on the right hand side of equation (3.30) are found to be given by

$$(3.33) \quad V_{-N_1}\left(L_{-N_2}\chi\right) = \sum_{\ell \ge 0} \left(\binom{N_2 + \ell - 2}{\ell} L_{-N_2 - \ell} V_{-N_1 + N_2 + \ell}(\chi) + (-1)^{N_2} \binom{N_2 + \ell - 2}{\ell} V_{-N_1 - \ell + 1}(\chi) L_{\ell - 1} \right).$$

We note that equation (3.32) is valid for any value of the modes $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. For the non-negative values of the arguments of the binomial coefficients we have the standard expression

(3.34)
$$\binom{n}{m} = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}, & 0 \le m < n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For the negative values of the arguments, the extended binomial coefficients are given by

(3.35)
$$\binom{n}{m} = \begin{cases} (-1)^m \binom{-n+m-1}{m}, & m \ge 0, \\ (-1)^{n-m} \binom{-m-1}{n-m}, & m \le n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

where n < 0.

4. Fixing partition functions

4.1. Conventions

As discussed in Section 2, partition functions can be expressed in terms of Siegel modular forms which have a finite-dimensional space. This means that for a fixed value of the central charge c, it is enough to fix finitely many parameters to obtain the full partition function. We will call this set of parameters the *light data* \mathcal{L} . As we will see, the set \mathcal{L} consists on one hand of the multiplicities of the lightest fields in the theory, and on the other hand of a finite number of light three point functions.

Our conventions are the following: we denote by

(4.1)
$$N_h$$
,

the number of *primary* fields of weight h. We have, of course, $N_0 = 1$ which corresponds to the identity operator. We denote by

(4.2)
$$c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3} \equiv \langle \varphi_1 | \varphi_2(1) | \varphi_3 \rangle,$$

the three point function of three primary fields $\varphi_i, \varphi_j, \varphi_k$, and by

(4.3)
$$C_{h_1h_2h_3} = \sum_{\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_{h_i}^p} c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3} c_{\varphi_3\varphi_2\varphi_1} = \sum_{\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_{h_i}^p} |c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3}|^2,$$

the sum over absolute squares of the three point functions of all primary fields of appropriate weight. We have of course $C_{hh0} = N_h$. The unitarity condition then reads

(4.4)
$$C_{h_1h_2h_3} \ge 0,$$

since each term in the sum $|c_{\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3}|^2$ is a non-negative real number.

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4.2. Strategy

The genus 1 partition function is completely fixed by N_h . More precisely, it is fixed by the number of primary fields with dimension h,

(4.5)
$$h \in \{0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{c}{24} \rfloor\},$$

where $\lfloor \ \rfloor$ denotes the floor function. This means that all the higher N_h with $h > \lfloor \frac{c}{24} \rfloor$ can be expressed as linear functions of the first few N_h . The genus 2 partition function is of the form

(4.6)
$$Z_2 = \frac{W_2}{F_2^k},$$

where c = 2k. As discussed in Subsection 2.2, for fixed central charge the space of W_2 is finite dimensional, so that there are only a finite number of free parameters. Our goal is again to fix these parameters in terms of the light data \mathcal{L} . To do this we proceed in two steps.

In a first step, we use the factorisation properties of the modular forms as well as the action of the Siegel operator on these forms as described in Section 2.3 to relate it to the genus 1 partition function. This fixes some of the parameters in terms of the N_h . For $c \leq 24$, we will see that this completely fixes all the coefficients. The light data thus only consists of the N_h given in (4.5). For c > 24, however, there are still free parameters after this procedure: the partition function is thus not uniquely fixed by the spectrum of the theory, but also depends on a *finite* number of the three point function coefficients. In these cases, we have to perform a second step: we write the partition function Z_2 in terms of the conformal blocks as in (3.25) with general coefficients $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$ (see equation (3.29)). We then compare this with the expansion of (4.6) in Schottky coordinates, matching the coefficients term by term. To fix the remaining free parameters of W_2 , it is then enough to specify just a finite number of the lightest $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$. These are the ones that comprise the second part of the the light data \mathcal{L} . We shall now carry out these steps and compute the partition functions of CFTs for different values of the central charge. The results are outlined in the next subsection.

4.3. Expressions

4.3.1. c=8. The only degree 1 modular form of weight k = 4 is the Eisenstein series G_4 . Equations (2.20) and (2.21) then fix the normalization to

give

(4.7)
$$W_1^{c=8} = G_4.$$

Similarly the genus 2 form is given by the weight 4 form E_4 ,

(4.8)
$$W_2^{c=8} = E_4$$

where, using (2.20) and (2.23), the overall constant is fixed to 1. We then have

(4.9)
$$Z_2^{c=8} = \frac{E_4}{(F_2^{12})^{\frac{1}{3}}},$$

where F_2^k is the reference partition function defined in (2.14). This describes the E_8 lattice CFT.

4.3.2. c=16. Similar to the previous case, the only contribution to the modular forms W_1 of weight k = 8 comes from G_4 :

(4.10)
$$W_1^{c=16} = G_4^2$$

For c = 2k = 16 we find

(4.11)
$$W_2^{c=16} = E_4^2, \qquad Z_2^{c=16} = \frac{E_4^2}{\left(F_2^{12}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}.$$

This is either the $E_8 \times E_8$ or the SO(32) lattice theory. Note that up to genus 2, we cannot see the difference between the two.

4.3.3. c=24. This is the first case where we have a free parameter, as we now have G_4^3 and G_6^2 , or equivalently G_4^3 and Δ , contributing to W_1 :

(4.12)
$$W_1^{c=24} = a_1 G_4^3 + a_2 \Delta.$$

Using the constraint (2.20), we find that $a_1 = 1$ and so

(4.13)
$$W_1^{c=24} = G_4^3 + a\Delta.$$

To fix a, we write the genus one chiral character of the CFT which is the form [10]:

(4.14)
$$\chi_1^c = \left(\frac{q}{\eta^{24}}\right)^{\frac{1}{24}} W_1^c.$$

Note that we have shifted the definition of the partition function (2.1) by an overall factor of $q^{c/12}$ for the leading term in the expansion to be 1. For the CFT with c = 24 we then find

(4.15)
$$\chi_1^{c=24} = q \, \frac{(G_4^3 + a\Delta)}{\Delta} = q(j(\tau) + a)$$
$$= 1 + (744 + a)q + 196884q^2 + 21493760q^3 + O(q^4),$$

where we have used equation (2.6). This lets us identify the coefficient of q with the number of spin 1 currents:

$$(4.16) N_1 = 744 + a,$$

thus fixing the only free parameter a in terms of the light data $\mathcal{L} = \{N_1\}$:

(4.17)
$$W_1^{c=24} = G_4^3 + (N_1 - 744)\Delta.$$

For the genus 2 amplitude there are three possible contributions:

(4.18)
$$W_2^{c=24} = b_1 E_4^3 + b_2 \psi_{12} + b_3 \chi_{12}.$$

Imposing the two constrains coming from applying the Siegel operator and the factorisation property of W_2 as in Section 2.3 fixes all these three free parameters as

$$(4.19) b_1 = 1, b_2 = N_1 - 744, b_3 = (N_1 - 744)(N_1 + 984).$$

We then have

(4.20)
$$Z_2^{c=24} = \frac{W_2^{c=24}}{F_2^{12}},$$

where

(4.21)
$$W_2^{c=24} = E_4^3 + (N_1 - 744)\psi_{12} + (N_1 - 744)(N_1 + 984)\chi_{12}.$$

The genus 1 and 2 partition functions are completely fixed in terms of N_1 .

4.3.4. c=32. This is the first case where the light data contains multiplicities as well as three point functions, namely, $\mathcal{L} = \{N_1, C_{111}\}$. W_1 is given

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by

(4.22)
$$W_1^{c=32} = G_4 \left(G_4^3 + (N_1 - 992)\Delta \right),$$

and the genus 2 amplitude reads

(4.23)
$$Z_{2}^{c=32} = \frac{1}{(F_{2}^{12})^{\frac{4}{3}}} \Big(E_{4}^{4} + (N_{1} - 992) E_{4} \psi_{12} + (N_{1} - 992)(N_{1} + 736) E_{4} \chi_{12} + \frac{1}{3} (N_{1}^{2} - 520N_{1} + 246016 - 12C_{111}) E_{6} \chi_{10} \Big).$$

We note that the coefficient of the cusp form χ_{10} is not fixed by the constraint equations from factorisation (2.17) and Siegel operator (2.23). To find this coefficient, we expand the partition function in terms of the Schottky coordinates, and match it with the conformal block expansion of the partition function described in Subsection 3.2. We then evaluate the coefficient of the cusp form in terms of N_1 and C_{111} .

4.3.5. c=40. Here the light data is $\mathcal{L} = \{N_1, C_{111}, C_{222}\}$. The modular form $W_1^{c=40}$ is given by

(4.24)
$$W_1^{c=40} = G_4^2 \left(G_4^3 + (N_1 - 1240)\Delta \right),$$

and the genus 1 partition function is found to be

(4.25)
$$\chi_1^{c=40} = q \Big(j(\tau) + (N_1 - 1240) \Big) \chi_1^{c=16}$$
$$= 1 + N_1 q + (496N_1 + 20620) q^2$$
$$+ (69752N_1 + 86666240) q^3 + O(q^4)$$

The genus 2 partition function is of the form

$$(4.26)$$

$$Z_{2}^{c=40} = \frac{1}{(F_{2}^{12})^{\frac{5}{3}}} \left(E_{4}^{5} + (N_{1} - 1240)E_{4}^{2}\psi_{12} + (N_{1} - 1240)(N_{1} + 488)E_{4}^{2}\chi_{12} + \frac{1}{3}(N_{1}^{2} - 1016N_{1} + 615040 - 12C_{111})E_{4}E_{6}\chi_{10} + \left(9312N_{1}^{2} - 20665776N_{1} + \frac{77050410528}{5} - 905520C_{111} + 16C_{222}\right)\chi_{10}^{2} \right),$$

which is expressed in terms of N_1 , C_{111} , and C_{222} .

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4.3.6. c=48. The light data is now $\mathcal{L} = \{N_1, N_2, C_{111}, C_{222}\}$. We have

(4.27)
$$W_1^{c=48} = G_4^6 + (N_1 - 1488)G_4^3\Delta + (N_2 - 743N_1 + 159769)\Delta^2$$

The genus 1 partition function reads

$$(4.28) \quad \chi_1^{c=48} = q^2 \Big(j(\tau)^2 + (N_1 - 1488) j(\tau) + (N_2 - 743N_1 + 159769) \Big) \\ = 1 + N_1 q + (1 + N_1 + N_2) q^2 + (196884N_1 + 42987520) q^3 \\ + (21493760N_1 + 40491909396) q^4 \\ + (842806210N_1 + 8463554690796) q^5 + O(q^6), \end{cases}$$

and is determined in terms of N_1 and N_2 . The higher values of N_h , h > 2, are then fixed in terms of N_1 and N_2 . The genus 2 amplitude reads

$$(4.29) \quad Z_{2}^{c=48} = \frac{1}{\left(F_{2}^{12}\right)^{2}} \left(E_{4}^{6} + \left(N_{1} - 1488\right) E_{4}^{3} \psi_{12} + \left(N_{1}^{2} + 238N_{1} - 2N_{2} - 676658\right) E_{4}^{3} \chi_{12} + \left(-743N_{1} + N_{2} + 159769\right) \psi_{12}^{2} + \left(-731855N_{1}^{2} - 269472862N_{1} + 242N_{1}N_{2} + N_{2}^{2} + 734258N_{2} + 91785533041\right) \chi_{12}^{2} - \left(N_{1} + 1968\right) (743N1 - N2 - 159769) \psi_{12} \chi_{12} + \frac{1}{3} \left(N_{1}^{2} - 26N_{1} - 2N_{2} + 787534 - 12C_{111}\right) E_{4}^{2} E_{6} \chi_{10} + \frac{1}{9} \left(819977N_{1}^{2} + 137560792N_{1} - 392N_{1}N_{2} - N_{2}^{2} - 855434N_{2} - 10238832C_{111} + 144C_{222} + 229938936071\right) E_{4} \chi_{10}^{2} \right),$$

and is completely determined in terms of N_1 , N_2 , C_{111} , and C_{222} , as expected.

A special case of the our expressions correspond to the proposed extremal CFTs [25]. These theories have no primary fields with dimension $h \leq c/24$ and so the three point functions including these primaries vanish. For the case of c = 48, this simply means that $N_1 = N_2 = 0$, and therefore also $C_{111} = C_{222} = 0$, so then we can immediately obtain the genus 2 partition function from (4.29). Note that this was already computed in [26]. It is clear that we can continue this procedure to higher central charge, the only difference being that the expressions will become more and more complicated. We have also computed the genus 2 amplitude for theories with c = 56, 64, and 72. The full expressions are given in Appendix B.

5. Constraints

From the expressions we obtained in the previous section for genus 2 amplitudes, and from conformal block expansion described in Section 3.2, we can read off an infinite number of identities expressing an infinite number of three point functions and the total number of primary fields in terms of finitely many free parameters of the light data:

(5.1)
$$N_h(\mathcal{L}), \qquad C_{h_1h_2h_3}(\mathcal{L}).$$

This constrains the parameter space, *i.e.*, the allowed light data \mathcal{L} , since we necessarily have

$$(5.2) N_h \ge 0,$$

and, for unitary theories, we have

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(5.3)
$$C_{h_1h_2h_3} \ge 0.$$

We can then find bounds on the squares of three point functions $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$ (4.3), and also on averages of squares of three point functions defined as

(5.4)
$$\langle c_{h_1h_2h_3}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{h_1}N_{h_2}N_{h_3}}C_{h_1h_2h_3}.$$

We will next discuss constraints we find for each value of the central charge.

5.1. c=24

The only free parameter is the number of currents N_1 . Using the genus 1 partition function, we can read off the expressions for the N_h ,

(5.5)
$$N_2 = 196883 - N_1,$$
 $N_3 = 21296876 - N_1,$
 $N_4 = 842609326,$ $N_5 = 19360062527,$
 $N_6 = 312092484374 + N_1,$ $N_7 = 3898575000125.$

Equation (5.2) then already gives a (weak) upper bound on N_1 , namely $N_1 \leq 196883$. To improve on this bound, we turn to the coefficients $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$. Starting with lowest weights,

(5.6)
$$C_{111} = \frac{1}{12} N_1 (N_1 - 24),$$

we find that the condition (5.3) gives

(5.7)
$$N_1 = 0, \quad N_1 \ge 24,$$

which gives a lower bound. The next highest coefficient is

(5.8)
$$C_{112} = C_{121} = C_{211} = \frac{23}{24}N_1(N_1+2),$$

which gives $N_1 \ge 0$ and so does not improve the bound (5.7). We note that the sums over the square of the three point function coefficients are symmetric under the exchange of the indices, as expected. We next have

(5.9)
$$C_{122} = \frac{5}{12} N_1 (78744 - 5N_1),$$

which introduces a tighter upper bound on the number of currents

$$(5.10) 0 \le N_1 \le 15748.$$

Expanding the partition function (4.21) up to order $O(p_1^5 p_2^5)$, we find that the coefficient which yields the stringent upper bound is

(5.11)
$$C_{223} = 12011438064 - \frac{1}{468}N_1 (107015N_1 + 38610024),$$

giving

(5.12)
$$0 \le N_1 \le 7059.$$

All in all, we find

(5.13)
$$N_1 = 0, \text{ or } 24 \le N_1 \le 7059.$$

We note that this bound is less restrictive than the one obtained by Schellekens [15], *i.e.*, $N_1 = 0$ or $24 \le N_1 \le 1128$. We could of course improve our bounds by following his analysis of the allowed spin 1 algebras. In the spirit of our bootstrap approach we do not do this, since in particular it would not generalize to constraining higher spin fields.



Figure 1. Upper and lower bounds on C_{111} for the c = 32 theory.



Figure 2. Upper bound on $\langle c_{111}^2 \rangle = \frac{C_{111}}{N_1^3}$ for c = 32.

5.2. c=32

The genus 1 partition function of the c = 32 theory is fixed by N_1 . The multiplicities N_h for the first few low lying values of h are given by

(5.14)
$$N_2 = 13(19N_1 + 10731),$$
 $N_3 = 3875N_1 + 69193488,$
 $N_4 = 30380N_1 + 6928824200,$ $N_5 = 174250N_1 + 322955200393$

Turning to the genus 2 partition function (4.23) and imposing positivity (5.3) for the higher $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$, we obtain the following upper and lower bounds for C_{111} : (5.15)

$$C_{111} \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8} \left(16N_1^2 + 15N_1 \right) & 0 \leq N_1 < 17, \\ \frac{1}{497} \left(60N_1^2 + 16440N_1 \right) & 17 \leq N_1 < 97359, \\ \frac{1}{367} \left(21N_1^2 + 2281170N_1 \right) & 97359 \leq N_1 < 4118426, \\ \frac{1}{204575} (9900N_1^2 + 8709154344N_1) & N_1 \geq 4118426. \end{cases}$$

and

(5.16)

$$C_{111} \ge \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \le N_1 < 787, \\ \frac{1}{56116} (1768N_1^2 - 1119161N_1 - 213439590) & N_1 \ge 787. \end{cases}$$

Figure 1 shows the allowed region for C_{111} . The bounds obtained in (5.15) and (5.16) grow quadratically in N_1 .

It is instructive to consider the averaged quantity $\langle c_{111}^2 \rangle = \frac{C_{111}}{N_1^3}$ defined in (1.2). Figure 2 shows the upper bound on $\langle c_{111}^2 \rangle$ as a function of N_1 . Maximizing over N_1 , we find a global upper bound

(5.17)
$$\langle c_{111}^2 \rangle = \frac{C_{111}}{N_1^3} \le \frac{31}{8}.$$

Using the bounds obtained in (5.15) and (5.16), we can also obtain global bounds on the averages of the squares of higher three point functions $\langle c_{h_1h_2h_3}^2 \rangle$. For the first few low lying coefficients we find

(5.18)
$$\langle c_{112}^2 \rangle \le 1.3864 \cdot 10^{-5}, \quad \langle c_{222}^2 \rangle \le 1.22274 \cdot 10^{-7}.$$

The fact that these three point functions are so small on average indicates that there is some symmetry leading to a selection rule. On the other hand, for C_{333} the upper bound has its maximum at $N_1 = 97359$, giving a global bound

$$(5.19) \qquad \qquad \langle c_{333}^2 \rangle \le 0.31,$$

which is much larger than (5.18).



Figure 3. The allowed region for the light data N_1 , C_{111} , and C_{222} , satisfying the unitarity constraints for the c = 40 theory.

5.3. c=40

The genus one partition function is still determined by N_1 alone, giving

(5.20)
$$N_{2} = 9 (55N_{1} + 2291),$$
$$N_{3} = 69255N_{1} + 86645620,$$
$$N_{4} = 2044760N_{1} + 24157197490,$$
$$N_{5} = 81 (401060N_{1} + 28684566739)$$

The genus 2 partition function now depends on the light data N_1 , C_{111} and C_{222} . Imposing the constraints (5.2) and (5.3), we can determine the allowed region for these three parameters, which is depicted in Figure 3.

To give a better picture, we can also derive upper bounds on C_{111} and C_{222} as a function of N_1 only. To do this first note that coefficients of the form $C_{1h_2h_3}$ depend only on C_{111} and N_1 . For instance, we have

(5.21)
$$C_{112} = -\frac{C_{111}}{2} + N_1^2 + \frac{19N_1}{20},$$

which directly gives an upper bound

(5.22)
$$C_{111} \le 2N_1 \left(N_1 + \frac{19}{20} \right).$$

Similarly, higher $C_{1h_2h_3}$ give an upper bound on C_{111} which is piecewise quadratic in N_1 , and is plotted in Figure 4. This allows us to find a global bound for the average square of the three point function c_{111} by maximising over N_1 :

(5.23)
$$\langle c_{111}^2 \rangle = \frac{C_{111}}{N_1^3} \le \frac{39}{10}$$

To find similar bounds on C_{222} , we consider higher coefficients $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$ with $h_i > 1$, which depend on all three parameters of the light data, *i.e.*, N_1 , C_{111} and C_{222} . We eliminate the dependence on C_{111} using the bound obtained for C_{111} in terms of N_1 . In this way, we derive an upper bound on C_{222} , which we have plotted in Figure 5. The averaged quantity $\langle c_{222}^2 \rangle$ has the following global bound:

(5.24)
$$\langle c_{222}^2 \rangle \lesssim 9.48 \cdot 10^{-6}.$$



Figure 4. Upper bound on C_{111} for c = 40.



Figure 5. Upper bound on C_{222} for c = 40.

5.4. c=48

The multiplicities of primary fields with higher dimensions are given in terms of N_1 and N_2 . For the first few multiplicities we have

$$N_{3} = 196882N_{1} - N_{2} + 42987519,$$

$$N_{4} = 15625(1363N_{1} + 2588731) - N_{2},$$

$$N_{5} = 2773(303862N_{1} + 3052113849),$$

$$N_{6} = 4189(4621643N_{1} + 189648425948),$$

$$N_{7} = 312092484375N_{1} + N_{2} + 44323300777781250,$$

$$N_{8} = 3875(1006083871N_{1} + 439403786287702).$$

We observe that some of the expressions depend on both N_1 and N_2 , while others depend only on N_1 . This is in general the case for theories with central charge $c = 24\ell$, $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$: the torus partition function of such theories contains a term which is proportional to $\Delta^{c/24} = \Delta^{\ell}$, where Δ is the discriminant (2.6). Taking into account the pre-factor of the character (4.14) which is of the form $q/\Delta^{c/24}$, we find that the contribution of this term to the character is only one term: $a_{\ell} q^{\ell}$, where a_{ℓ} is a constant (see equations (4.27) and (B.9)). The coefficient of each term in the q-expansion of the character $(a_h q^h)$ includes the contribution from Virasoro primaries of that dimension $(i.e., N_h)$ as well as Virasoro descendants of primary fields of lower dimensions:

(5.26)
$$a_h = N_h + \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} p(h-i) N_i,$$

where p(h-i) are the integer partitions corresponding to descendants at level (h-i).¹ Thus, the contribution of a_{ℓ} to N_h , $h > \ell$, only appears in the descendants of lower dimensional primaries and so is dressed with the integer partitions corresponding to the descendant level. It is then easy to see that, for some values of $h > \ell$, the cancellations between the terms containing a_{ℓ} (dressed with integer partitions) yields vanishing of N_{ℓ} in the expression for N_h , as observed in equation (5.25) above for $\ell = 2$ (see also (5.33) for the case of $\ell = 3$). We note that this is only the case for theories with $c = 24\ell$, and suggests that in these theories the multiplicity of the 'heavy' field with h = c/24 either does not affect the number of heavier primary fields (N_h , h > c/24), or comes in with a coefficient of O(1) whereas the coefficients of N_{h_i} with $h_i < c/24$ are orders of magnitude larger.

Imposing (5.2) and (5.3), we then obtain the following bounds on N_2 , which is valid if $N_1 > 0$:

(5.27)
$$23N_1 + 71 \le N_2 \le \frac{1}{5}(78739N_1 + 11951203).$$

Here the upper and lower bound come from C_{133} and C_{122} , respectively.

Next we obtain a bound on C_{111} by considering the coefficients $C_{1h_2h_3}$, which again only depend on N_1 , N_2 , and C_{111} , yielding

(5.28)
$$0 \le C_{111} \le \frac{504}{3029} N_1(N_1 + 152),$$

where the upper bound comes from C_{133} , and we have used (5.27) to eliminate the dependence on N_2 . If we want to keep the dependence on N_2 , the result is shown in Figure 6.

Finally, by considering the higher coefficients $C_{h_1h_2h_3}$, and using (5.28) to bound C_{111} , we find the region in the space of parameters N_1 , and N_2 , and C_{222} which satisfies all the constraints. This region is depicted in Figure 7.

We note that the c = 48 extremal CFT partition function, for which we have $N_1 = N_2 = C_{111} = C_{222} = 0$, satisfies all our inequalities and is compatible with our results.

¹We note that since L_{-1} annihilates the vacuum, the counting of the number of descendants is different for i = 0 compared to i > 1.



Figure 6. Parameter space of N_1 , N_2 , and C_{111} for CFTs with c = 48 satisfying (5.2) and (5.3).



Figure 7. Parameter space of N_1 , N_2 , and C_{222} for CFTs with c = 48 satisfying (5.2) and (5.3).



Figure 8. Allowed parameter space of N_1 , N_2 , and C_{122} for CFTs with c = 56.

5.5. c=56

The multiplicities N_h are fixed by N_1 and N_2 as

(5.29)
$$N_3 = 139750N_1 + 247N_2 + 7402775,$$
$$N_4 = 851(81313N_1 + 39875487) + 3875N_2,$$
$$N_5 = 5679389(1220N_1 + 2985119) + 30380N_2.$$

The coefficients C_{112} depends on N_1 and C_{111} , and yields the following bound on C_{111}

(5.30)
$$C_{111} \le \frac{1}{14} \left(28N_1^2 + 27N_1 \right).$$

Similarly, we can find bounds on the other light data. As an example, Figure 8 shows the region in the parameter space where the constraints (5.2) and (5.3) are satisfied for C_{122} .



Figure 9. Allowed parameter space of N_1 , N_2 , and C_{122} for CFTs with c = 64.

5.6. c=64

The multiplicities of primary fields depend on N_1 and N_2 . For the first few low lying values we have

(5.31)
$$N_{3} = 3(7038N_{1} + 165N_{2} + 92837),$$
$$N_{4} = 86714875N_{1} + 69255N_{2} + 13996384631,$$
$$N_{5} = 140095(602550N_{1} + 483860983) + 2044760N_{2}$$

From C_{112} we find the bound

(5.32)
$$C_{111} \le \frac{1}{16} \left(32N_1^2 + 31N_1 \right).$$

As an example for the other light data, we again plot the allowed region for C_{122} in Figure 8.

5.7. c=72

The multiplicities of primary fields N_h are determined by N_1 , N_2 , and N_3 , and for the first few values of h we have

$$\begin{array}{l} N_4 = 43184401 N_1 + 196882 N_2 - N_3 + 2593096792, \\ (5.33) & N_5 = 40470218750 N_1 + 21296875 N_2 - N_3 + 12753498297254, \\ N_6 = 8464354312603 N_1 + 842609326 N_2 + 9516562869359272, \\ N_7 = 71(11189529807869 N_1 + 272676937 N_2 + 36808438051520256). \end{array}$$

Again we see that some of the multiplicities only depend on N_1 and N_2 and not on N_3 . If $N_1 > 0$, then from C_{144} and C_{133} we obtain upper and lower bounds on N_3 :

(5.34)
$$94N_1 + 23N_2 + 119$$
$$\leq N_3 \leq \frac{1}{5}(12029942N_1 + 78739N_2 + 585513523).$$

Note that again the extremal partition function satisfies all our constraints and is thus compatible with unitarity.

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Appendix A. Eisenstein series of degree one and two

The Eisenstein series of degree g and weight k are defined as

(A.1)
$$E_k^{(g)}(\Omega) = \sum_{C,D} \det(C\Omega + D)^{-k}, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z}),$$

A.1. Degree one

The Eisenstein series of degree one are of the form

(A.2)
$$E_k^{(1)}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{c,d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (c,d) \neq (0,0)}} \frac{1}{(c\tau+d)^k}, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{Z}).$$

The Eisenstein series have Fourier expansions in terms of the multiplicative period $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$. It is customary to use the normalisation

(A.3)
$$G_k(\tau) := \frac{E_k^{(1)}(\tau)}{2\zeta(k)} = 1 + \frac{2}{\zeta(1-k)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{k-1}(n) q^n,$$

where $\zeta(k)$ is the Riemann ζ function and $\sigma_k(n)$ is the divisor sum function

(A.4)
$$\sigma_k(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^k.$$

A.2. Degree two

The Fourier expansion of the Eisenstein series of degree two in terms of the period matrices τ_{ij} is of the form [27]

(A.5)
$$E_k^{(2)}(\Omega) \equiv E_k(\Omega) = \sum_N a_k(n,m,r) e^{2\pi i \operatorname{tr}(N\Omega)},$$

where Ω is given by (2.7) and

(A.6)
$$N = \begin{pmatrix} n & \frac{r}{2} \\ \frac{r}{2} & m \end{pmatrix}.$$

In terms of the multiplicative periods we have

(A.7)
$$E_k = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 4nm - r^2 \ge 0}} a_k(n,m,r) q_{11}^n q_{22}^m q_{12}^r.$$

The Fourier coefficients $a_k(n, m, r)$ are given by

(A.8)
$$a_k(n,m,r) = \frac{2}{\zeta(3-2k)\zeta(1-k)} \times \sum_{d|(n,m,r)} d^{k-1}H\left(k-1,\frac{4nm-r^2}{d^2}\right),$$

where H(k-1, N) is the Cohen function introduced in [28]. It can be computed from a modified version of the Dirichlet L-series as $H(k-1, N) = L_{-N}(2-k)$ (page 21 of [29]). This modified Dirichlet L-series in turn is defined as (A.9)

$$L_D(s) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } D \neq 0, 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \zeta(2s-1) & \text{if } D = 0, \\ L_{D_0}(s) \sum_{d|f} \mu(d) \left(\frac{D_0}{d}\right) d^{-s} \sigma_{1-2s}(f/d) & \text{if } D = 0, 1 \pmod{4}, D \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Here D_0 is the discriminant of the algebraic number field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, and f is given by $D = D_0 f^2$. $\left(\frac{D_0}{d}\right)$ is the Kronecker symbol, and $L_{D_0}(s)$ is its associated Dirichlet L-series defined in the usual way as $L_{D_0}(s) = L\left(s, \left(\frac{D_0}{d}\right)\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{D_0}{n}\right) n^{-s}$. μ is the Möbius μ -function, and σ is again the divisor sum function (A.4). The Cohen function is always rational with a bounded denominator and a table with some values of the Cohen function is provided in [28]. We choose the normalization such that $a_k(0, 0, 0) = 1$.

The other two generators of the ring of degree 2 modular forms (2.8) can be written as

(A.10)
$$\chi_{10} = \frac{43867}{2^{12} \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 53} (E_{10} - E_4 E_6),$$

and

(A.11)
$$\chi_{12} = \frac{131 \cdot 593}{2^{13} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 337} (3^2 \cdot 7^2 E_4^3 + 2 \cdot 5^3 E_6^2 - 691 - E_{12}).$$

Appendix B. More on genus two partition functions

This appendix contains the genus 1 and genus 2 partition functions for meromorphic CFTs with central charge c = 56, c = 64, and c = 72.

B.1. c=56

The light data of the CFT has 6 elements:

$$\mathcal{L} = \{N_1, N_2, C_{111}, C_{122}, C_{222}, C_{223}\}.$$

We find

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(B.1)
$$W_1^{c=56} = G_4^7 + (N_1 - 1736)G_4^4 \Delta + (-991N_1 + N_2 + 401661)G_4 \Delta^2.$$

The character then reads

(B.2)
$$\chi_1^{c=56} = q^2 \Big(j(\tau)^2 + (N_1 - 1736)j(\tau) \\ + (N_2 - 991N_1 + 401661) \Big) \chi_1^{c=8} \\ = 1 + N_1 q + (1 + N_1 + N_2)q^2 \\ + (7402776 + 139752N_1 + 248N_2)q^3 \\ + (4124N_2 + 69337116N_1 + 33941442214)q^4 + O(q^5).$$

There are 10 terms contributing to the genus 2 amplitude:

(B.3)
$$Z_{2}^{c=56} = \frac{1}{(F_{12})^{7/3}} \Big(b_1 E_4^7 + b_2 E_4^4 \psi_{12} + b_3 E_4^4 \chi_{12} + b_4 E_4 \psi_{12}^2 + b_5 E_4 \chi_{12}^2 + b_6 E_4 \psi_{12} \chi_{12} + b_7 E_4^2 \chi_{10}^2 + b_8 E_6^3 \chi_{10} + b_9 E_6 \psi_{12} \chi_{10} + b_{10} E_6 \chi_{12} \chi_{10} \Big),$$

where

$$b_{1} = 1, \qquad b_{2} = N_{1} - 1736, \\ b_{3} = N_{1}(N_{1} + 238) - 2(N_{2} + 394717), \\ b_{4} = N_{2} - 991N_{1} + 401661, \\ b_{5} = (-991N_{1} + N_{2} + 401661)(737N_{1} + N_{2} + 387837), \\ b_{6} = (-N_{1} - 1720)(991N_{1} - N_{2} - 401661), \\ b_{7} = \frac{1}{1827} \Big(137030075N_{1}^{2} + 114086N_{2}N_{1} + 35003496654N_{1} \\ + 203N_{2}^{2} - 203522406N_{2} + 57549384551511 \\ - 1781149608C_{111} - 2322656C_{122} \\ + 26796C_{222} - 2436C_{223} \Big), \\ b_{8} = \frac{1}{3} \Big(N_{1}^{2} - 26N_{1} - 2N_{2} + 918790 - 12C_{111} \Big), \\ b_{9} = \frac{1}{3} \Big(1457N_{1}^{2} + N_{2}N_{1} + 264101N_{1} - 3704N_{2} \\ + 1488057192 - 17772C_{111} - 12C_{122} \Big), \\ b_{10} = \frac{2}{609} \Big(-15219925N_{1}^{2} + 75110N_{2}N_{1} + 30968282142N_{1} \\ + 203N_{2}^{2} - 20201052N_{2} - 12792520067067 \\ + 445554144C_{111} - 1504804C_{122} \\ - 1218C_{222} - 1218C_{223} \Big).$$

B.2. c=64

The light data of the theory has 8 elements in this case: $\mathcal{L} = \{N_1, N_2, C_{111}, C_{122}, C_{222}, C_{223}, C_{233}, C_{333}\}$. The degree 1 modular form $W_1^{c=64}$ is found to be

(B.5)
$$W_1^{c=64} = G_4^8 + (N_1 - 1984)G_4^5 \Delta + (N_2 - 1239N_1 + 705057)G_4^2 \Delta^2,$$

and the character reads

$$\chi_1^{c=64} = q^2 \Big(j(\tau)^2 + (N_1 - 1984) j(\tau) + (N_2 - 1239N_1 + 705057) \Big) (\chi_1^{c=8})^2$$

= 1 + N_1q + (1 + N_1 + N_2)q^2 + 4(124N_2 + 5279N_1 + 69628)q^3 + (B.6) + 8(8719N_2 + 10841999N_1 + 1749582893)q^4 + O(q^5).

The genus 2 partition function consists of contributions from 12 terms:

(B.7)
$$Z_{2}^{c=64} = \frac{1}{(F_{12})^{8/3}} \Big(b_1 E_4^8 + b_2 E_4^5 \psi_{12} + b_3 E_4^5 \chi_{12} + b_4 E_4^2 \psi_{12}^2 + b_5 E_4^2 \chi_{12}^2 + b_6 E_4^2 \psi_{12} \chi_{12} + b_7 E_4^4 E_6 \chi_{10} + b_8 E_4^3 \chi_{10}^2 + b_9 E_4 E_6 \psi_{12} \chi_{10} + b_{10} E_4 E_6 \chi_{12} \chi_{10}, + b_{11} \psi_{12} \chi_{10}^2 + b_{12} \chi_{12} \chi_{10}^2 \Big),$$

where

(B.8)

$$\begin{split} b_1 &= 1, \qquad b_2 = N_1 - 1984, \\ b_3 &= N_1(N_1 + 238) - 2(N_2 + 451105), \\ b_4 &= N_2 - 1239N_1 + 705057, \\ b_5 &= (-1239N_1 + N_2 + 705057)(489N_1 + N_2 + 262689), \\ b_6 &= (-N_1 - 1472)(1239N_1 - N_2 - 705057), \\ b_7 &= \frac{1}{3}(N_1^2 - 26N_1 - 2N_2 + 1050046 - 12C_{111}), \\ b_8 &= \frac{1}{198} \Big(15101526N_1^2 + 1452N_2N_1 + 3334984620N_1 + 22N_2^2 \\ &- 22587411N_2 + 7475259339009 - 192900048C_{111} \\ &- 120768C_{122} + 2904C_{222} - 264C_{223} \Big), \\ b_9 &= \frac{1}{3} \Big(-519N_1^2 + N_2N_1 + 802641N_1 - 496N_2 - 349708272 \\ &+ 5940C_{111} - 12C_{122} \Big), \\ b_{10} &= \frac{1}{66} \Big(-309012N_1^2 - 5544N_2N_1 + 11166410904N_1 \\ &+ 44N_2^2 - 3344715N_2 - 7826350562613 \\ &+ 161128704C_{111} - 195216C_{122} \\ &- 264C_{222} - 264C_{223} \Big), \\ b_{11} &= \frac{1}{1089} \Big(-24762459808N_1^2 + 92107488N_2N_1 \\ &+ 25689118498597N_1 - 243936N_2^2 \\ &- 22372632711N_2 - 9067003012774080 \\ &+ 306936877136C_{111} - 195216C_{212} \\ &- 264C_{222} - 264C_{223} \Big), \\ \end{split}$$

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$$b_{12} = \frac{4}{363} \Big(-94717727296N_1^2 + 2931120192N_2N_1 + 589970738884957N_1 \\ -7248384N_2^2 - 723196407978N_2 - 425511987841071945 \\ +20051460666080C_{111} - 27307245504C_{212} \\ -1034989956C_{222} + 24772572C_{223} \\ +435600C_{323} + 17424C_{333} \Big).$$

B.3. c=72

The light data of the theory is $\mathcal{L} = \{N_1, N_2, N_3, C_{111}, C_{122}, C_{222}, C_{223}, C_{233}, C_{333}, C_{334}\}$. The modular form $W_1^{c=72}$ contains contributions from four terms:

(B.9)
$$W_1^{c=72} = G_4^9 + (N_1 - 2232)G_4^6 \Delta + (-1487N_1 + N_2 + 1069957)G_4^3 \Delta^2 + (159026N_1 - 743N_2 + N_3 - 36867719)\Delta^3,$$

and, using (4.14), the genus 1 partition function is found to be

(B.10)
$$\chi_1^{c=72} = 1 + N_1 q + (1 + N_1 + N_2)q^2 + (1 + 2N_1 + N_2 + N_3)q^3 + (43184404N_1 + 54(3646N_2 + 48020311))q^4 + 4(10128350789N_1 + 512(10495N_2 + 6228560251))q^5 + 54(157498350003N_1 + 16005555N_2 + 176468917663891)q^6 + O(q^7).$$

The genus 2 amplitude consists of 17 terms of the form:

(B.11)
$$Z_{2}^{c=72} = \frac{1}{(F_{2}^{12})^{3}} \Big(b_{1} E_{4}^{9} + b_{2} E_{4}^{6} \psi_{12} + b_{3} E_{4}^{6} \chi_{12} + b_{4} E_{4}^{3} \psi_{12}^{2} + b_{5} E_{4}^{3} \chi_{12}^{2} + b_{6} E_{4}^{3} \psi_{12} \chi_{12} + b_{7} \psi_{12}^{3} + b_{8} \psi_{12}^{2} \chi_{12} + b_{9} \psi_{12} \chi_{12}^{2} + b_{10} \chi_{12}^{3} + b_{11} E_{4}^{5} E_{6} \chi_{10} + b_{12} E_{4}^{4} \chi_{10}^{2} + b_{13} E_{4}^{2} E_{6} \psi_{12} \chi_{10} + b_{14} E_{4}^{2} E_{6} \chi_{12} \chi_{10} + b_{15} E_{4} \psi_{12} \chi_{10}^{2} + b_{16} E_{4} \chi_{12} \chi_{10} + b_{17} E_{6} \chi_{10}^{3} \Big),$$

where

$$\begin{split} b_1 &= 1, \qquad b_2 = N_1 - 2232, \\ b_3 &= N_1^2 + 238N_1 - 2\left(N_2 + 507493\right), \\ b_4 &= -1487N_1 + N_2 + 1069957, \\ b_5 &= -676419N_1^2 + \left(240N_2 - 2\left(N_3 + 39441780\right)\right)N_1 + N_2^2 + 1803962N_2 \\ &- 720N_3 + 239514348745, \\ b_6 &= -1487N_1^2 + \left(N_2 - 1227209\right)N_1 + 3453N_2 - 3N_3 + 1420230525, \\ b_7 &= 159026N_1 - 743N_2 + N_3 - 36867719, \\ b_8 &= \left(N_1 + 2952\right)\left(159026N_1 - 743N_2 + N_3 - 36867719\right), \\ b_9 &= \left(1969N_1 + N_2 + 2314117\right)\left(159026N_1 - 743N_2 + N_3 - 36867719\right), \\ b_{10} &= 91515328324N_1^2 + \left(-270936572N_2 + 734500N_3 + 27617614928260\right)N_1 \\ &- 731855N_2^2 + N_3^2 + 242N_2(N_3 - 1092878759) + 270214322 + N_3 \\ &- 11321414397534479, \\ b_{11} &= \frac{1}{3}\left(-12C_{111} + N_1^2 - 26N_1 - 2N_2 + 1181302\right), \\ b_{12} &= \frac{1}{27}\left(2462547N_1^2 - 1290N_2N_1 + 156350382N_1 + 3N_2^2 - 3746382N_2 \\ &+ 1296N_3 + 1300027361735\right) - 1137592C_{111} + \frac{17120C_{122}}{333} \\ &+ 396C_{222} - 36C_{223}, \\ b_{13} &= \frac{1}{3}\left(-767N_1^2 + N_2N_1 + 1003687N_1 + 1485N_2 - 3N_3 - 685444851 \\ &+ 8916C_{111} - 12C_{12}\right), \\ b_{14} &= -\frac{2}{9}\left(-74733N_1^2 - 363N_2N_1 + 3N_3N_1 - 575177475N_1 - 3N_2^2 \\ &- 1013904N_2 + 1080N_3 + 878731318367 + 18C_{222} + 18C_{223}\right) \\ &+ 2927424C_{111} - \frac{108088C_{122}}{111} \\ &+ \frac{198581235265705N_1}{1221} - \frac{1273N_2^2}{9} + \frac{1146291334N_2}{9} \\ &- \frac{N_2N_3}{9} - \frac{295505N_3}{9} - \frac{256516494599113}{9} \\ &+ \frac{1158890673456C_{111}}{1369} - \frac{190139008C_{122}}{111} \\ &- 14364C_{222} + 1348C_{223} + 4C_{322} + 16C_{323}, \\ \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{split} b_{16} &= -\frac{12936962575678N_1^2}{1369} + \frac{7297613773N_2N_1}{111} - \frac{10182755N_3N_1}{111} \\ &+ \frac{23259488428568161N_1}{4107} + \frac{324899N_2^2}{3} - \frac{N_3^2}{3} + \frac{94920984976N_2}{3} \\ &- \frac{158N_2N_3}{3} - \frac{30406417204N_3}{573} - \frac{36705982837911919}{3} \\ &+ \frac{613750982045768C_{111}}{1369} + \frac{20533968136C_{122}}{111} - 11890998C_{222} \\ &- 170710C_{223} - \frac{374664C_{233}}{101} + 24C_{333} + 16C_{334}, \end{split}$$

and,

$$\begin{split} b_{17} &= \frac{103598772879382N_1^2}{36963} - \frac{10744270517N_2N_1}{999} + \frac{2868763N_3N_1}{999} \\ &- frac44331239306584169N_136963 + \frac{319738N_2^2}{27} - \frac{2N_3^2}{27} \\ &- \frac{137795278558N_2}{27} + \frac{632N_2N_3}{27} + \frac{50261856514N_3}{5157} \\ &+ \frac{17090981447176756}{27} - \frac{143270294050616C_{111}}{4107} \\ &+ \frac{31421366264C_{122}}{333} + 1187070C_{222} - \frac{300838C_{223}}{3} \\ &- \frac{286488C_{233}}{101} - 56C_{333} + \frac{16C_{334}}{3}. \end{split}$$

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