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## Abstract

The paper [KW] studied a family of elliptic functions defined by certain  $q$ -series. This family, in particular, contains the Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function. In this paper, we prove that elliptic functions in this family satisfy certain non-linear algebraic differential equations whose coefficients are essentially given by rational functions of the first few Eisenstein series of the modular group.

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## 1 Introduction

In the paper [KW], Kurokawa and the first author studied the  $q$ -series  $L_\ell(x)$  ( $x \in \mathbb{C}$ ) defined by

$$L_\ell(x) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}(n+x)\ell}}{[n+x]_q^\ell} \quad (\ell = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Here we put  $[\beta]_q := \frac{q^\beta - 1}{q - 1}$  for  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ . Throughout the present paper, we assume that  $q > 1$ . The series  $L_\ell(x)$  converges absolutely and uniformly in  $x$ , whence defines an elliptic function for the period lattice  $\mathbb{Z} \cdot 1 + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \frac{2\pi i}{\log q}$  when  $\ell$  is even, while  $\mathbb{Z} \cdot 1 + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \frac{4\pi i}{\log q}$  when  $\ell$  is odd. Precisely,  $L_\ell$  has the following properties.

$$\begin{cases} L_\ell(x+1) = L_\ell(x), \\ L_\ell(x + \frac{2\pi i}{\log q}) = (-1)^\ell L_\ell(x), \\ L_\ell(-x) = (-1)^{-\ell} L_\ell(x). \end{cases}$$

It is shown in [KW] that the series  $L_2(x)$  gives essentially the Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function and hence, in particular, satisfies the non-linear algebraic differential equation. An algebraic differential equation for  $L_1$  is also derived. Beside this fact, it was proved that  $L_{2\ell-1} \in \mathbb{C}[L_1]$  and  $L_{2\ell} \in \mathbb{C}[L_2]$ . In fact,  $L_{2\ell-1}$  (resp.  $L_{2\ell}$ ) is expressed as a polynomial in  $L_1$  (resp.  $L_2$ ) of degree  $2\ell - 1$  (resp.  $\ell$ ). Moreover, one may replace the fields of the coefficients  $\mathbb{C}$  by the ring  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$  of Laurent polynomials over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . From these facts, it was conjectured in [KW] that the elliptic function  $L_\ell(x)$  satisfies a non-linear algebraic differential equation for each positive integer  $\ell$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ .

The purpose of this paper is to prove this conjecture affirmatively and give some precise information about the coefficients of the differential equation. Actually, for instance, we will show that the coefficients in the even  $\ell$  are given by rational functions of  $(q-1)^2$ ,  $(\log q)^2$  and the Lambert series  $A_\ell(q)$  ( $\ell = 1, 3, 5$ ) over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We note that  $A_{2\ell+1}(q)$  gives essentially the Fourier series expansion of the Eisenstein series  $E_{2\ell}(z)$  for the modular group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  if we put  $q = e^{-2\pi iz}$  ( $\text{Im}(z) > 0$ ) [L].

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## 2 Basic facts on $L_\ell$

Let us recall first the basic facts in [KW], the algebraic differential equations and the Laurent expansion of the functions  $L_1(x)$  and  $L_2(x)$ .

The differential equations for  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are described as follows.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Define the Lambert series  $B_\ell(q)$  by*

$$B_\ell(q) := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m + \frac{1}{2})^\ell}{q^{m+\frac{1}{2}} - 1}.$$

Then we have

$$(2.1) \quad (L'_1)^2 = \frac{e_2}{e_1} L_1^4 + e_2 \left(e_3 + \frac{1}{4}\right) L_1^2 + e_1 e_2 e_4,$$

where

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = (q-1)^2, \\ e_2 = (\log q)^2, \\ e_3 = 12B_1(q), \\ e_4 = \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{1}{12} + 4B_1(q)\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{12} + 4B_1(q)\right) - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{7}{240} - 16B_3(q)\right). \end{cases}$$

□

**Lemma 2.2.** *Define the Lambert series  $A_\ell(q)$  by*

$$A_\ell(q) := \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m^\ell}{q^m - 1} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_\ell(j) q^{-j} \quad (\sigma_\ell(j) = \sum_{m|j} m^\ell).$$

Then we have

$$(2.2) \quad (L'_2)^2 = \frac{4d_2}{d_1} L_2^3 + d_2(6d_3 + 1) L_2^2 + 4d_1 d_2 d_4 L_2 + d_1^2 d_2 d_5,$$

where

$$\begin{cases} d_1 = (q-1)^2, \\ d_2 = (\log q)^2, \\ d_3 = -4A_1(q), \\ d_4 = -A_1(q) + 12A_1^2(q) - 5A_3(q), \\ d_5 = \frac{1}{432} (1 - 24A_1(q))^3 - \frac{1}{144} (1 - 24A_1(q))(1 + 240A_3(q)) - \frac{1}{216} (1 - 504A_5(q)). \end{cases}$$

□

*Remark 2.3.* The series  $L_2$  is essentially the Wierstrass  $\wp$ -function. Actually, if we define

$$\Omega_2(x) := (q-1)^{-2} L_2(x) + \frac{1}{12} (1 - 24A_1(q)),$$

we see that

$$(\Omega'_2)^2 = \alpha_0 \Omega_2^3 - \alpha_1 \Omega_2 - \alpha_2,$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_0 = 4(\log q)^2, \\ \alpha_1 = (\log q)^2 \frac{1}{12} (1 + 240A_3(q)), \\ \alpha_2 = (\log q)^2 \frac{1}{216} (1 - 504A_5(q)). \end{cases}$$

*Remark 2.4.* Note that the Eisenstein series  $E_{2\ell}(z)$  (see [L]) is given by

$$E_{2\ell}(z) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(c,d)=1} (cz + d)^{-2\ell} = 1 + \frac{2}{\zeta(1-2\ell)} A_{2\ell-1}(q) \quad (q = e^{-2\pi iz}, \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0).$$

Also, the series  $B_\ell(q)$  is expressed as

$$B_\ell(q) = 2^{-\ell} [A_\ell(q^{\frac{1}{2}}) - 2^{\ell+1} A_\ell(q)].$$

In the proof of the existence of the differential equations satisfied by  $L_1(x)$  and  $L_2(x)$  in [KW], we have seen the following Laurent expansion of these functions.

**Lemma 2.5.**

$$(q-1)^{-1} L_1(x) = -2 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2l+1}(q)}{(2l+1)!} (x \log q)^{2l+1} + \frac{1}{x \log q} - \frac{x \log q}{24} + O(x^3),$$

$$(q-1)^{-2} L_2(x) = 2 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_{2l+1}(q)}{(2l)!} (x \log q)^{2l} + \frac{1}{(x \log q)^2} - \frac{1}{12} + O(x^2).$$

□

Using these Laurent expansions, we have the following relation between  $L_1(x)$  and  $L_2(x)$  which was suggested by Robin Chapman [C].

**Proposition 2.6.**

$$L_2(x) = L_1(x)^2 + (q-1)^2 (2A_1(q) + 4B_1(q)).$$

*Proof.* Put  $F(x) := L_2(x) - L_1(x)^2$ . Then, from the lemma above one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} (q-1)^{-1} L_1(x) &= \frac{1}{\log q} \frac{1}{x} - (\log q) (2B_1(q) + \frac{1}{24}) x + O(x^3), \\ (q-1)^{-2} L_2(x) &= \frac{1}{(\log q)^2} \frac{1}{x^2} + (2A_1(q) - \frac{1}{12}) + O(x^2). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(2.3) \quad F(x) = (q-1)^2 (2A_1(q) + 4B_1(q)) + O(x^2).$$

Also, since

$$L_\ell(x+1) = L_\ell(x) \quad \text{and} \quad L_\ell(x + \frac{2\pi i}{\log q}) = (-1)^\ell L_\ell(x),$$

we immediately find that  $F(x+1) = F(x)$  and  $F(x + \frac{2\pi i}{\log q}) = F(x)$ . This implies that  $F(x)$  is an (continuous) elliptic function with period  $\mathbb{Z} \cdot 1 + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \frac{2\pi i}{\log q}$ . It follows hence from the Liouville theorem that  $F(x)$  is equal to a constant  $F(0) = (q-1)^2 (2A_1(q) + 4B_1(q))$ . This proves the proposition. □

**Corollary 2.7.** *We have  $L_\ell \in \mathbb{C}[L_1]$ . If we write  $L_\ell = p_\ell(L_1)$ ,  $p_\ell$  is a monic polynomial of degree  $\ell$  and satisfies  $p_\ell(-x) = (-1)^\ell p_\ell(x)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $L_1 \in \mathbb{C}[L_1]$  (of degree  $2\ell-1$ ) and  $L_2 \in \mathbb{C}[L_2]$  (of degree  $\ell$ ), it follows from Proposition 2.6 that  $f_\ell$  is of degree  $\ell$ . Furthermore, one has

$$\begin{aligned} p_\ell(-L_1(x)) &= p_\ell(L_1(-x)) \\ &= L_\ell(-x) = (-1)^\ell L_\ell(x) \\ &= (-1)^\ell p_\ell(L_1(x)), \end{aligned}$$

whence the desired relation follows immediately. The property that  $p_\ell$  is monic follows from the discussion developed in the proof of Proposition 3.2 and Proposition 3.4 in the subsequent section. □

### 3 Algebraic Differential equations

#### 3.1 Differential equations for $L_{2\ell}$

We prove the derivatives  $L_{2\ell}^{(2k)}$  and  $(L_{2\ell}^{(2k+1)})^2$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) of  $L_{2\ell}$  can be expressed as polynomials in  $L_2$ . To show this, we need the following difference-differential equation satisfied by  $L_\ell$ 's [KW].

**Lemma 3.1.**

$$L_\ell'' = \frac{(\log q)^2}{4} \cdot \ell^2 L_\ell + \frac{(\log q)^2}{(q-1)^2} \cdot \ell(\ell+1) L_{\ell+2}.$$

□

We have then the following.

**Proposition 3.2.** *There exist constants*

$$a_i(k), b_i(k) \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5) \quad (a_{\ell+k}(k) \neq 0, b_{2\ell+2k+1}(k) \neq 0)$$

such that the functions  $L_{2\ell}^{(2k)}$  and  $(L_{2\ell}^{(2k+1)})^2$  are expressed by the polynomials of  $L_2$  as

$$\begin{aligned} L_{2\ell}^{(2k)} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+k} a_i(k) L_2^i, \quad (a_i(0) = 1), \\ (L_{2\ell}^{(2k+1)})^2 &= \sum_{i=0}^{2\ell+2k+1} b_i(k) L_2^i. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1 and (2.1) we easily obtain

$$(3.1) \quad L_\ell'' = \frac{d_2}{4} \cdot \ell^2 L_\ell + \frac{d_2}{d_1} \cdot \ell(\ell+1) L_{\ell+2}$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad (L_2')^2 = \frac{4d_2}{d_1} L_2^3 + d_2(6d_3 + 1) L_2^2 + 4d_1 d_2 d_4 L_2 + d_1^2 d_2 d_5.$$

Differentiating (3.2) we have

$$L_2'' = \frac{6d_2}{d_1} L_2^2 + d_2(6d_3 + 1) L_2 + 2d_1 d_2 d_4.$$

We first prove the former assertion for  $k = 0$  by induction on  $\ell$ . Let us assume that the assertion is true for  $2\ell$ :

$$L_{2\ell} = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} a_i L_2^i, \quad (a_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5), a_\ell = 1).$$

Then, since  $L_{2\ell}' = \{\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} i a_i L_2^{i-1}\} L_2'$ , one gets

$$L_{2\ell}'' = \left\{ \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} i(i-1) a_i L_2^{i-2} \right\} (L_2')^2 + \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} i a_i L_2^{i-1} \right\} L_2''.$$

It follows that  $L_{2\ell}''$  can be written by a polynomial of  $L_2$  as

$$L_{2\ell}'' = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+1} b_i L_2^i, \quad (b_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5))$$

with

$$b_{\ell+1} = \ell(\ell-1)a_\ell \frac{4d_2}{d_1} + \ell a_\ell \frac{6d_2}{d_1} = 2\ell(2\ell+1) \frac{d_2}{d_1} \neq 0.$$

Now replacing  $\ell$  by  $2\ell$  in (3.1) we see that

$$L_{2\ell}'' = d_2 \ell^2 L_{2\ell} + \frac{d_2}{d_1} 2\ell(2\ell+1) L_{2\ell+2}.$$

Hence we see that

$$L_{2\ell+2} = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+1} c_i L_2^i, \quad (c_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5))$$

with

$$c_{\ell+1} = \frac{b_{\ell+1}}{\frac{d_2}{d_1} 2\ell(2\ell+1)} (= a_\ell) = 1.$$

This proves the assertion for  $k = 0$ .

We next prove the assertion for general  $k$  by induction. Suppose that  $L_{2\ell}^{(2k)}$  can be written as

$$L_{2\ell}^{(2k)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+k} a_i L_2^i, \quad (a_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5), a_{\ell+k} \neq 0).$$

Then, taking derivatives twice we have

$$L_{2\ell}^{(2k+2)} = \left\{ \sum_{i=2}^{\ell+k} i(i-1) a_i L_2^{i-2} \right\} (L_2')^2 + \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\ell+k} i a_i L_2^{i-1} \right\} L_2''.$$

From this it follows that

$$L_{2\ell}^{(2k+2)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+k+1} b_i L_2^i, \quad (b_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5))$$

with

$$b_{\ell+k+1} = 2(\ell+k)(2\ell+2k+1) a_{\ell+k} \frac{d_2}{d_1} \neq 0.$$

This proves the first equation of the lemma for  $L_{2\ell}^{(2k)}$ . Furthermore, differentiating this equation and taking square we observe

$$(L_{2\ell}^{(2k+1)})^2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\ell+k} i a_i L_2^{i-1} \right)^2 (L_2')^2.$$

From this expression, we see that  $(L_{2\ell}^{(2k+1)})^2$  is expressed by a polynomial in  $L_2$  as

$$(L_{2\ell}^{(2k+1)})^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{2\ell+2k+1} b_i L_2^i, \quad (b_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5))$$

with

$$b_{2\ell+2k+1} = (\ell+k)^2 a_{\ell+k}^2 \frac{4d_2}{d_1} \neq 0.$$

This completes the proof of the proposition.  $\square$

We now get a non-linear algebraic differential equation for  $L_{2\ell}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *The function  $L_{2\ell}$  ( $\ell \geq 1$ ) satisfies the following differential equation:*

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\ell} \alpha_i L_{2\ell}^{(2i)} L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell-2i)} + \sum_{i=0}^{3\ell-1} \beta_i L_{2\ell}^{(2i)} + \gamma = 0 \quad (\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)).$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.2 one finds that the degree of the polynomial  $L_{2\ell}^{(2i)} L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell-2i)}$  in  $L_2$  is calculated as  $(\ell + i) + (\ell + 2\ell - i) = 4\ell$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq \ell$ . In particular, since the degree of the polynomials  $L_{2\ell}'' L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell-2)}$ ,  $L_{2\ell} L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell)}$ ,  $L_{2\ell}^{(6\ell-2)}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $L_{2\ell}$  are  $4\ell$ ,  $4\ell$ ,  $4\ell - 1$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\ell$ , respectively, if one eliminates the leading coefficients successively one obtains

$$f_1 := L_{2\ell}'' L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell-2)} + a_{1,1} L_{2\ell} L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell)} + a_{1,2} L_{2\ell}^{(6\ell-2)} + \dots + a_{1,3\ell+1} L_{2\ell} = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} b_{1,i} L_2^i,$$

for some coefficients  $a_{1,j}, b_{1,i} \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)$ . Similarly, for  $k = 2, \dots, \ell$ , there exist  $a_{k,j}, b_{k,i} \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)$  one has

$$f_k := L_{2\ell}^{(2k)} L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell-2k)} + a_{k,1} L_{2\ell} L_{2\ell}^{(4\ell)} + a_{k,2} L_{2\ell}^{(6\ell-2)} + \dots + a_{k,3\ell+1} L_{2\ell} = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} b_{k,i} L_2^i.$$

Write these relations as

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_\ell \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{1,0} & b_{1,1} & \dots & b_{1,\ell-1} \\ b_{2,0} & \ddots & & b_{2,\ell-1} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{\ell,0} & \dots & \dots & b_{\ell,\ell-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ L_2 \\ \vdots \\ L_2^{\ell-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, there exists an  $\ell \times \ell$  matrix  $A$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)$  such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_\ell \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_{2,0} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ c_{\ell,0} & \dots & \dots & c_{\ell,\ell-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ L_2 \\ \vdots \\ L_2^{\ell-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here, it is obvious to see that  $c_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)$ . Noticing the first row, one has

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} a_i f_i = c_{1,0}. \quad (a_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)).$$

Hence, by the definition of  $f_i$ , one gets the desired differential equation for  $L_{2\ell}$ .  $\square$

### 3.2 Differential equations for $L_{2\ell-1}$

A similar procedure developed in the last subsection works also for the odd case. In fact, we have the following.

**Proposition 3.4.** *There exist constants*

$$a_i(k), b_i(k) \in \mathbb{Q}(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \quad (a_{n+k-1}(k) \neq 0, b_{2n+2k}(k) \neq 0)$$



such that the functions  $L_{2\ell-1}^{(2k)}$  and  $(L_{2\ell-1}^{(2k+1)})^2$  are expressed by the polynomials of  $L_1$  as

$$\begin{aligned} L_{2\ell-1}^{(2k)} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+k-1} a_i(k) L_1^{2i+1}, \quad (a_i(0) = 1), \\ (L_{2\ell-1}^{(2k+1)})^2 &= \sum_{i=0}^{2\ell+2k} b_i(k) L_1^{2i}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Using this proposition one can prove the following result. The proof is the same as Theorem 3.3.

**Theorem 3.5.** *The function  $L_{2\ell-1}$  ( $\ell \geq 1$ ) satisfies the following differential equation:*

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2\ell-1} \alpha_i L_{2\ell-1}^{(2i)} L_{2\ell-1}^{(8\ell-4-2i)} + \sum_{i=0}^{4\ell-2} \beta_i L_{2\ell-1} L_{2\ell-1}^{(2i)} + \gamma = 0 \quad (\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma \in \mathbb{Q}(e_1, \dots, e_4)).$$

□

*Remark 3.6.* One finds that, in the proof of Theorem 3.3, there are certain redundancy in the process for deriving the algebraic differential equation satisfied by  $L_\ell$ . Therefore one can obtain, in principle, much simpler equations, i.e. the number of terms and of derivatives of the equations in Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 3.5 can be reduced.

## 4 Examples

In this section, we give much simpler and explicit differential equations for  $L_4$  and  $L_3$  explicitly. These are in fact simpler than what we have given in the preceding section. We use Mathematica 6.

### 4.1 A differential equation for $L_4$

By Proposition 3.2 one sees that there exist  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} L_4 L_4'' + a_1 (L_4')^2 + a_2 L_4^{(4)} + a_3 L_4'' + a_4 L_4 + a_5 &= b_1 L_2 + b_2, \\ L_4 L_4'' + a_1 (L_4')^2 + a_6 L_4^2 + a_7 L_4'' + a_8 L_4 + a_9 &= b_3 L_2 + b_4. \end{aligned}$$

From these equations we obtain

$$(4.1) \quad L_4 L_4'' + a(L_4')^2 + bL_4^{(4)} + cL_4^2 + dL_4'' + eL_4 + f = 0, \quad (a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Q}(d_1, \dots, d_5)).$$

By Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_2'' &= d_2 L_2 + \frac{6d_2}{d_1} L_4, \\ (L_2')^2 &= \frac{4d_2}{d_1} L_2^3 + d_2(6d_3 + 1)L_2^2 + 4d_1 d_2 d_4 L_2 + d_1^2 d_2 d_5. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} L_2'' &= \frac{6d_2}{d_1} L_2^2 + d_2(6d_3 + 1)L_2 + 2d_1 d_2 d_4, \\ L_4 &= L_2^2 + d_1 d_3 L_2 + \frac{1}{3} d_1^2 d_4, \\ L_4' &= 2L_2 L_2' + d_1 d_3 L_2', \\ (L_4')^2 &= (2L_2 + d_1 d_3)^2 (L_2')^2 \\ &= \frac{16d_2}{d_1} L_2^5 + 4d_2(10d_3 + 1)L_2^4 + 4d_1 d_2(7d_3^2 + d_3 + 4d_4)L_2^3 \\ &\quad + d_1^2 d_2(6d_3^3 + d_3^2 + 16d_3 d_4 + 4d_5)L_2^2 + 4d_1^3 d_2 d_3(d_3 d_4 + d_5)L_2 + d_1^4 d_2 d_3^2 d_5, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L_4'' &= 2(L_2L_2'' + (L_2')^2) + d_1d_3L_2'' \\
&= \frac{20d_2}{d_1}L_2^3 + 2d_2(15d_3 + 2)L_2^2 + d_1d_2(6d_3^2 + d_3 + 12d_4)L_2 + 2d_1^2d_2(d_3d_4 + d_5), \\
L_4''' &= \left[ \frac{60d_2}{d_1}L_2^2 + 4d_2(15d_3 + 2)L_2 + d_1d_2(6d_3^2 + d_3 + 12d_4) \right] L_2', \\
L_4^{(4)} &= \left[ \frac{60d_2}{d_1}L_2^2 + 4d_2(15d_3 + 2)L_2 + d_1d_2(6d_3^2 + d_3 + 12d_4) \right] L_2'' \\
&\quad + \left[ \frac{120d_2}{d_1}L_2 + 4d_2(15d_3 + 2) \right] (L_2')^2 \\
&= \frac{840d_2^2}{d_1^2}L_2^4 + \frac{20d_2^2}{d_1}(84d_3 + 13)L_2^3 + 2d_2^2(378d_3^2 + 111d_3 + 336d_4 + 8)L_2^2 \\
&\quad + d_1d_2^2(36d_3^3 + 12d_3^2 + 432d_3d_4 + d_3 + 60d_4 + 120d_5)L_2 \\
&\quad + 2d_1^2d_2^2(6d_3^2d_4 + d_3d_4 + 12d_4^2 + 30d_3d_5 + 4d_5).
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into (4.1), we have the linear equation for  $a, b, \dots, f$  as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\frac{20d_2}{d_1} + a \cdot \frac{16d_2}{d_1} = 0, \\
2d_2(25d_3 + 2) + a \cdot 4d_2(10d_3 + 1) + b \cdot \frac{840d_2^2}{d_1^2} + c \cdot 1 = 0, \\
d_1d_2(36d_3^2 + 5d_3 + \frac{56}{3}d_4) + a \cdot 4d_1d_2(7d_3^2 + d_3 + 4d_4) + b \cdot \frac{20d_2^2}{d_1}(84d_3 + 13) \\
+ c \cdot 2d_1d_3 + d \cdot \frac{20d_2}{d_1} = 0, \\
d_1^2d_2(6d_3^3 + d_3^2 + 24d_3d_4 + \frac{4}{3}d_4 + 2d_5) + a \cdot d_1^2d_2(6d_3^3 + d_3^2 + 16d_3d_4 + 4d_5) \\
+ b \cdot 2d_2^2(378d_3^2 + 111d_3 + 336d_4 + 8) + c \cdot d_1^2(d_3^2 + \frac{2}{3}d_4) + d \cdot 2d_2(15d_3 + 2) + e \cdot 1 = 0, \\
d_1^3d_2(4d_3^2d_4 + \frac{1}{3}d_3d_4 + 4d_4^2 + 2d_3d_5) + a \cdot 4d_1^3d_2d_3(d_3d_4 + d_5) \\
+ b \cdot d_1d_2^2(36d_3^3 + 12d_3^2 + 432d_3d_4 + d_3 + 60d_4 + 120d_5) + c \cdot \frac{2}{3}d_1^3d_3d_4 \\
+ d \cdot d_1d_2(6d_3^2 + d_3 + 12d_4) + e \cdot d_1d_3 = 0, \\
\frac{2}{3}d_1^4d_2d_4(d_3d_4 + d_5) + a \cdot d_1^4d_2d_3^2d_5 + b \cdot 2d_1^2d_2^2(6d_3^2d_4 + d_3d_4 + 12d_4^2 + 30d_3d_5 + 4d_5) \\
+ c \cdot \frac{1}{9}d_1^4d_4^2 + d \cdot 2d_1^2d_2(d_3d_4 + d_5) + e \cdot \frac{1}{3}d_1^2d_4 + f \cdot 1 = 0.
\end{array} \right.$$

Solving the equation we can determine the coefficients of the equation (4.1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= -\frac{5}{4}, \\
b &= \frac{d_1^2(-9d_3^4 - 6d_3^3 - d_3^2 + 24d_3^2d_4 + 8d_3d_4 - 16d_4^2)}{20d_2(20d_3^3 + 17d_3^2 - 40d_3d_4 + 4d_3 - 16d_4 + 20d_5)}, \\
c &= \frac{d_2(378d_3^4 + 272d_3^3 + 59d_3^2 - 1008d_3^2d_4 - 376d_3d_4 + 4d_3 + 672d_4^2 - 16d_4 + 20d_5)}{20d_3^3 + 17d_3^2 - 40d_3d_4 + 4d_3 - 16d_4 + 20d_5}, \\
d &= \frac{d_1^2(-12d_3^5 + 36d_3^4 + 40d_3^3d_4 + 24d_3^3 - 116d_3^2d_4 + 3d_3^2 - 12d_3^2d_5 - 32d_3d_4^2 - 40d_3d_4 \\
&\quad - 24d_3d_5 + 112d_4^2 + 16d_4d_5)/12(20d_3^3 + 17d_3^2 - 40d_3d_4 + 4d_3 - 16d_4 + 20d_5)}, \\
e &= \frac{d_1^2d_2(1332d_3^5 - 48d_3^5 - 549d_3^4 - 156d_3^3 - 12d_3^2 - 5328d_3^4d_4 - 1472d_3^3d_4 - 104d_3^2d_4 \\
&\quad - 64d_3d_4 + 2304d_3^2d_4^2 + 448d_3d_4^2 + 448d_4^2 + 5376d_4^3 + 7200d_3^3d_5 + 6000d_3^2d_5 \\
&\quad + 1200d_3d_5 - 14400d_3d_4d_5 - 5600d_4d_5 + 3600d_5^2)/60(20d_3^3 + 17d_3^2 - 40d_3d_4 \\
&\quad + 4d_3 - 16d_4 + 20d_5)}, \\
f &= \frac{d_1^4d_2(12d_3^2d_4 + 84d_3^3d_4 + 45d_3^4d_4 - 222d_3^5d_4 - 16d_3d_4^2 - 1244d_3^2d_4^2 - 6608d_3^3d_4^2 \\
&\quad - 11280d_3^4d_4^2 - 128d_4^3 + 8032d_3d_4^3 + 29760d_3^2d_4^3 - 15360d_4^4 - 18d_3^2d_5 + 1152d_3^3d_5 \\
&\quad + 6633d_3^4d_5 + 9720d_3^5d_5 - 2016d_3d_4d_5 - 17568d_3^2d_4d_5 - 37200d_3^3d_4d_5 + 8752d_4^2d_5 \\
&\quad + 30720d_3d_4^2d_5 + 720d_3d_5^2 + 4860d_3^2d_5^2 - 11280d_4d_5^2) \\
&\quad /180(20d_3^3 + 17d_3^2 - 40d_3d_4 + 4d_3 - 16d_4 + 20d_5)}.
\end{aligned}$$

## 4.2 A differential equation for $L_3$

The following differential equation satisfied by  $L_3$  can be obtained by a similar discussion made in the case for  $L_4$ .

$$(4.2) \quad L_3^2 L_3'' + a L_3 (L_3')^2 + b L_3^3 + c L_3^{(6)} + d L_3(4) + e L_3'' + f L_3 = 0, \quad (a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Q}(e_1, \dots, e_4)).$$

The coefficients appeared in the equation above can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -\frac{4}{3}, \\ b &= e_2(-37494e_3 + 16758e_1^2e_3 - 210291e_3^2 + 100275e_1^2e_3^2 + 1216848e_3^3 - 770844e_1^2e_3^3 \\ &\quad + 10259968e_3^4 - 4157814e_1^2e_3^4 + 17720640e_3^5 - 834840e_1^2e_3^5 + 224964e_4 \\ &\quad - 100548e_1^2e_4 + 1365696e_3e_4 + 286272e_1^2e_3e_4 - 5531328e_3^2e_4 + 4352904e_1^2e_3^2e_4 \\ &\quad - 24675840e_3^3e_4 - 11950560e_1^2e_3^3e_4 - 4209408e_4^2 - 2612736e_1^2e_4^2 - 22256640e_3e_4^2 \\ &\quad + 17418240e_1^2e_3e_4^2)/(12(-4166e_3 + 1862e_1^2e_3 - 36803e_3^2 + 23555e_1^2e_3^2 - 124484e_3^3 \\ &\quad + 71384e_1^2e_3^3 - 154224e_3^4 + 13914e_1^2e_3^4 + 24996e_4 - 11172e_1^2e_4 + 146352e_3e_4 \\ &\quad - 42672e_1^2e_3e_4 + 88704e_3^2e_4 + 199176e_1^2e_3^2e_4 + 48384e_4^2 - 290304e_1^2e_4^2)), \\ c &= e_1^3(72e_3^2 - 72e_3^3 - 2332e_3^4 - 4725e_3^5 - 864e_3e_4 - 1368e_3^2e_4 + 10800e_3^3e_4 + 2592e_4^2 \\ &\quad + 10800e_3e_4^2)/(135e_2^2(-4166e_3 + 1862e_1^2e_3 - 36803e_3^2 + 23555e_1^2e_3^2 - 124484e_3^3 \\ &\quad + 71384e_1^2e_3^3 - 154224e_3^4 + 13914e_1^2e_3^4 + 24996e_4 - 11172e_1^2e_4 + 146352e_3e_4 \\ &\quad - 42672e_1^2e_3e_4 + 88704e_3^2e_4 + 199176e_1^2e_3^2e_4 + 48384e_4^2 - 290304e_1^2e_4^2)), \\ d &= e_1^3(546e_3^2 - 5586e_1^2e_3^2 + 43207e_3^3 - 35287e_1^2e_3^3 + 61307e_3^4 + 233393e_1^2e_3^4 \\ &\quad - 1118174e_3^5 + 1314554e_1^2e_3^5 - 2930256e_3^6 + 264366e_1^2e_3^6 - 6552e_3e_4 + 67032e_1^2e_3e_4 \\ &\quad - 399498e_3^2e_4 + 339738e_1^2e_3^2e_4 - 1518936e_3^3e_4 - 123384e_1^2e_3^3e_4 - 1090656e_3^4e_4 \\ &\quad + 4034796e_1^2e_3^4e_4 + 19656e_4^2 - 201096e_1^2e_4^2 + 696384e_3e_4^2 + 102816e_1^2e_3e_4^2 \\ &\quad + 2515968e_3^2e_4^2 - 1930608e_1^2e_3^2e_4^2 + 870912e_4^3 - 5225472e_1^2e_4^3)/(1080e_2 \\ &\quad (-4166e_3 + 1862e_1^2e_3 - 36803e_3^2 + 23555e_1^2e_3^2 - 124484e_3^3 + 71384e_1^2e_3^3 \\ &\quad - 154224e_3^4 + 13914e_1^2e_3^4 + 24996e_4 - 11172e_1^2e_4 + 146352e_3e_4 - 42672e_1^2e_3e_4 \\ &\quad + 88704e_3^2e_4 + 199176e_1^2e_3^2e_4 + 48384e_4^2 - 290304e_1^2e_4^2)), \\ e &= -e_1^3(9282e_3^2 - 27930e_1^2e_3^2 + 272819e_3^3 - 288155e_1^2e_3^3 + 635939e_3^4 + 628805e_1^2e_3^4 \\ &\quad - 6674273e_3^5 + 11265830e_1^2e_3^5 - 26757152e_3^6 + 16964470e_1^2e_3^6 - 19640880e_3^7 \\ &\quad + 3061080e_1^2e_3^7 - 111384e_3e_4 + 335160e_1^2e_3e_4 - 1251066e_3^2e_4 + 1698690e_1^2e_3^2e_4 \\ &\quad - 6930792e_3^3e_4 + 2736360e_1^2e_3^3e_4 - 82630752e_3^4e_4 + 80842140e_1^2e_3^4e_4 \\ &\quad - 234924480e_3^5e_4 + 58289280e_1^2e_3^5e_4 + 334152e_4^2 - 1005480e_1^2e_4^2 - 4782672e_3e_4^2 \\ &\quad + 4536000e_1^2e_3e_4^2 - 60303744e_3^2e_4^2 + 23127120e_1^2e_3^2e_4^2 - 133781760e_3^3e_4^2 \\ &\quad + 169248960e_1^2e_3^3e_4^2 + 14805504e_4^3 - 26127360e_1^2e_4^3 + 26127360e_3e_4^3 \\ &\quad + 104509440e_1^2e_3e_4^3)/(2160(-4166e_3 + 1862e_1^2e_3 - 36803e_3^2 + 23555e_1^2e_3^2 \\ &\quad - 124484e_3^3 + 71384e_1^2e_3^3 - 154224e_3^4 + 13914e_1^2e_3^4 + 24996e_4 - 11172e_1^2e_4 \\ &\quad + 146352e_3e_4 - 42672e_1^2e_3e_4 + 88704e_3^2e_4 + 199176e_1^2e_3^2e_4 + 48384e_4^2 - 290304e_1^2e_4^2)), \\ f &= e_1^3e_2(5958e_3^2 - 16758e_1^2e_3^2 + 190245e_3^3 - 239925e_1^2e_3^3 + 1012737e_3^4 - 303117e_1^2e_3^4 \\ &\quad - 2753838e_3^5 + 8314998e_1^2e_3^5 - 31889088e_3^6 + 36513498e_1^2e_3^6 - 70418016e_3^7 \\ &\quad + 39563376e_1^2e_3^7 - 36546048e_3^8 + 6752928e_1^2e_3^8 - 71496e_3e_4 + 201096e_1^2e_3e_4 \\ &\quad - 1108926e_3^2e_4 + 2091726e_1^2e_3^2e_4 - 29384904e_3^3e_4 + 16327704e_1^2e_3^3e_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -140392064e_3^4e_4 + 89458724e_1^2e_3^4e_4 + 33067264e_3^5e_4 - 43487104e_1^2e_3^5e_4 \\
& + 763931136e_3^6e_4 + 72474944e_1^2e_3^6e_4 + 214488e_4^2 - 603288e_1^2e_4^2 + 41926464e_3e_4^2 \\
& - 46345824e_1^2e_3e_4^2 + 351313920e_3^2e_4^2 - 124364880e_1^2e_3^2e_4^2 - 1274706432e_3^3e_4^2 \\
& + 2125418112e_1^2e_3^3e_4^2 - 6904461312e_3^4e_4^2 - 131194368e_1^2e_3^4e_4^2 - 252730368e_3^5 \\
& + 254596608e_1^2e_4^3 - 2993614848e_3e_4^3 + 990517248e_1^2e_3e_4^3 - 7851810816e_3^2e_4^3 \\
& + 6524292096e_1^2e_3^2e_4^3 - 1170505728e_4^4 + 7023034368e_1^2e_4^4)/(5760(-4166e_3 \\
& + 1862e_1^2e_3 - 36803e_3^2 + 23555e_1^2e_3^2 - 124484e_3^3 + 71384e_1^2e_3^3 - 154224e_4^3 \\
& + 13914e_1^2e_3^4 + 24996e_4 - 11172e_1^2e_4 + 146352e_3e_4 - 42672e_1^2e_3e_4 \\
& + 88704e_3^2e_4 + 199176e_1^2e_3^2e_4 + 48384e_4^2 - 290304e_1^2e_4^2)).
\end{aligned}$$

*Corrigenda to the paper [KW]:* We list here some corrections of the equations in the paper [KW]. We did not, however, use these equations.

- The coefficient of the second term of (2.12) in Corollary 2.2 is incorrect and should be 48.
- The coefficient of  $B_3(q)$  in the expression of  $\beta_2$  in Theorem 2.3 is incorrect and should be  $-\frac{16}{3}$ .
- The equation (2.30) in p.37 should be read as  $M_2''(x) = M_2(x)(6\beta_0^2L_1(x)^2 + \beta_1)$ . Hence, the correct equation (2.32) in Corollary 2.4 (p.38) is

$$M_2''(x)^2 + 4\beta_1M_2(x)M_2''(x) + (36\beta_0^2\beta_2 - 5\beta_1^2)M_2(x)^2 - 36\beta_0^4M_2(x)^4 = 0.$$

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