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# Torus knot and minimal model

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#### Abstract

We reveal an intimate connection between the quantum knot invariant for torus knot T(s, t) and the character of the minimal model  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$ , where *s* and *t* are relatively prime integers. We show that Kashaev's invariant, i.e., the *N*-colored Jones polynomial at the *N*th root of unity, coincides with the Eichler integral of the character. © 2003 Published by Elsevier B.V. Open access under CC BY license.

# 1. Introduction

After Jones polynomial was introduced [1], studies of quantum invariants have been extensively developed. These quantum knot invariants are physically interpreted as the Feynman path integral of the Wilson loop with the Chern–Simons action [2]. Though, geometrical interpretation of the quantum invariant is still not complete. Some time ago, Kashaev defined a quantum knot invariant based on the quantum dilogarithm function [3], and made a conjecture [4] that a limit of his invariant coincides with the hyperbolic volume of the knot complement [5]. This suggests an intimate connection between the quantum invariant and the geometry. Note that Kashaev's invariant was later identified with a specialization of the N-colored Jones polynomial at q being the Nth primitive root of unity [6].

In this Letter, we study Kashaev's invariant  $\langle \mathcal{K} \rangle_N$ for the torus knot  $\mathcal{K} = T(s, t)$ , where *s* and *t* are coprime. See Fig. 1 for a projection of some torus knots. One may think that it is insignificant from a view point of the *volume conjecture* because the torus knot is not hyperbolic [5]. Although, the Chern– Simons invariant is considered as an imaginary part of the hyperbolic volume, and in fact the torus knot is supposed to have non-trivial Chern–Simons invariant. We shall show that the invariant exactly coincides with a limiting value of the Eichler integral of the character of the minimal model  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$  with *q* being the *N*th root of unity.

This Letter is organized as follows. In Section 2 we recall a modular property of the character of the minimal model  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$ . We define the Eichler integral, and give an explicit form of limiting value thereof when q is the *N*th primitive root of unity. In Section 3 we study the colored Jones polynomial for the torus knot T(s, t). We give a formula relating the quantum invariant with the Eichler integral. We further give some examples on q-series identities. Clarified

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Fig. 1. Torus knot T(s, t). From left to right, we depict trefoil T(2, 3), Solomon's seal knot T(2, 5), and T(3, 4), respectively.

is a relationship between the conformal weight and the Chern–Simons invariant of the minimal model. Section 4 is devoted to concluding remarks.

# 2. Eichler integral of the character

We study the character of the minimal model  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$ , where *s* and *t* are coprime integers. The central charge of the minimal model  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$  is

$$c(s,t) = 1 - \frac{6(s-t)^2}{st},$$
(1)

and the irreducible highest weight representation of the Virasoro algebra is given for the conformal weight

$$\Delta_{n,m}^{s,t} = \frac{(nt - ms)^2 - (s - t)^2}{4st},$$
(2)

where integers m and n are

 $1 \leq n \leq s-1, \qquad 1 \leq m \leq t-1.$ 

The number of distinct fields in the theory is

$$D(s,t) = \frac{1}{2}(s-1)(t-1).$$
(3)

The character  $ch_{n,m}^{s,t}(\tau)$  for an irreducible highest weight representation of the Virasoro algebra with above central charge and weight, is computed as [7,8]

$$ch_{n,m}^{s,t}(\tau) = \operatorname{Tr} q^{L_0 - \frac{1}{24}c(s,t)} = \frac{q^{\Delta_{n,m}^{s,t} - \frac{1}{24}c(s,t)}}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{stk^2} \times (q^{k(nt-ms)} - q^{k(nt+ms)+mn}),$$
(4)

where we set  $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ . We see that

$$\operatorname{ch}_{n,m}^{s,t}(\tau) = \operatorname{ch}_{s-n,t-m}^{s,t}(\tau) = \operatorname{ch}_{m,n}^{t,s}(\tau) = \operatorname{ch}_{t-m,s-n}^{t,s}(\tau).$$

The character is modular covariant [9,10] as

$$ch_{n,m}^{s,t}(\tau) = \sum_{n',m'} \mathbf{S}_{n,m}^{n',m'} ch_{n',m'}^{s,t}(-1/\tau),$$
(5)

where sum runs over D(s, t) distinct fields, and a matrix is explicitly written as

$$\mathbf{S}_{n,m}^{n',m'} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{st}} (-1)^{nm'+mn'+1} \\ \times \sin\left(nn'\frac{t}{s}\pi\right) \sin\left(mm'\frac{s}{t}\pi\right). \tag{6}$$

We rewrite the character of the minimal model as

$$\operatorname{ch}_{n,m}^{s,t}(\tau) = \frac{\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)}.$$
(7)

Here we have set the Dedekind  $\eta$ -function and  $\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau)$  as

$$\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24}(q)_{\infty},$$
  
$$\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(k) q^{\frac{1}{4st}k^2},$$
(8)

where the function  $\chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(k)$  is periodic with modulus 2st as shown in Table 1.

From the modular property of the Dedekind  $\eta$ -function, we see that  $\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau)$  is modular with weight 1/2, and spans D(s, t) dimensional space; modular *T*-and *S*-transformations are respectively written as

$$\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau+1) = e^{\frac{(nt-ms)^2}{2st}\pi i} \Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau),$$
(9)

$$\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau) = \sqrt{\frac{i}{\tau}} \sum_{n',m'} \mathbf{S}_{n,m}^{n',m'} \Phi^{(n',m')}(-1/\tau).$$
(10)

For the modular form with weight  $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{>2}$ , the period is defined by use of the classical Eichler integral, which is w - 1 integrations of the modular form with respect to  $\tau$  [11]. In a case of the half-integral weight modular form  $\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau)$ , the Eichler

Table 1

$k \mod 2st$	nt - ms	nt + ms	2st - (nt + ms)	2st - (nt - ms)	Others
$\chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(k)$	1	-1	-1	1	0

integral is thus naively defined by the q-series as [12]

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(\tau) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(k) q^{\frac{1}{4st}k^2}.$$
(11)

A prefactor is for our convention. It can be seen that the former is regarded as a "half-derivative"  $(\frac{1}{2} - 1)$  integration) of the modular form  $\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau)$  with respect to  $\tau$ , as was originally studied in Ref. [12]. We consider a limiting value of the Eichler integral  $\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(\alpha)$ at  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Applying the Mellin transformation, we have

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}\left(\frac{M}{N} + i\frac{y}{2\pi}\right)$$
$$\simeq -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{L_{\omega}(-2k-1,\chi^{(n,m)}_{2st})}{k!}\left(-\frac{y}{4st}\right)^{k},$$

where  $y \searrow 0$ , and M, N are coprime integers. We mean that  $L_{\omega}(k, \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)})$  is the twisted *L*-function defined by

$$\begin{split} L_{\omega}(k, \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(j) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{M}{N} \frac{j^2}{2st} \pi \mathrm{i}} j^{-k} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2stN)^k} \sum_{j=1}^{2stN} \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(j) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{M}{N} \frac{j^2}{2st} \pi \mathrm{i}} \zeta\left(k, \frac{j}{2stN}\right), \end{split}$$

where  $\zeta(k, x)$  is the Hurwitz  $\zeta$  function. By the analytic continuation, limiting value at  $\tau \to M/N$  is then computed as

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(M/N) = \frac{stN}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{2stN} \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(k) e^{\frac{k^2M}{2stN}\pi i} B_2\left(\frac{k}{2stN}\right), \quad (12)$$

where  $B_k(x)$  is the *k*th Bernoulli polynomial,

$$\frac{t\mathrm{e}^{xt}}{\mathrm{e}^t-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} B_k(x),$$

and especially  $B_2(x) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}$ .

This function fulfills a *nearly* modular property; for  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have an asymptotic expansion in  $N \to \infty$ ,

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(1/N) + (-iN)^{3/2} \sum_{n',m'} \mathbf{S}_{n,m'}^{n',m'} \phi(n',m') \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{(n't-m's)^2}{2st}\pi \mathrm{i}N} \\ \simeq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{T^{(n,m)}(k)}{k!} \left(\frac{\pi}{2st\mathrm{i}N}\right)^k.$$
(13)

Here we have set

$$\phi(n,m) = \begin{cases} (s-n)m, & \text{if } nt > ms, \\ n(t-m), & \text{if } nt < ms, \end{cases}$$
(14)

and *T*-series is written in terms of the *L*-function associated with  $\chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}$  as

$$T^{(n,m)}(k) = \frac{1}{2}(-1)^{k+1}L(-2k-1,\chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}) = \frac{1}{2}(-1)^k \frac{(2st)^{2k+1}}{2k+2} \sum_{j=1}^{2st} \chi_{2st}^{(n,m)}(j) B_{2k+2}\left(\frac{j}{2st}\right).$$
(15)

This can be shown as follows (see Refs. [12–15]). We define a variant of the Eichler integral

$$\widehat{\varPhi}^{(n,m)}(z) = \sqrt{\frac{sti}{8\pi^2}} \int_{z^*}^{\infty} \frac{\varPhi^{(n,m)}(\tau)}{(\tau-z)^{3/2}} \,\mathrm{d}\tau.$$
(16)

This function is defined for z in the lower half plane,  $z \in \mathbb{H}^-$ , while the Eichler integral  $\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(z)$  is for the upper half plane,  $z \in \mathbb{H}$ . Using S-transformation (10), we have

$$\widehat{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(z) + \left(\frac{1}{iz}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{n',m'} \mathbf{S}_{n,m}^{n',m'} \widehat{\Phi}^{(n',m')}(-1/z)$$
  
=  $r^{(n,m)}(z;0),$  (17)

where we have defined the period function

$$r^{(n,m)}(z;\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{sti}{8\pi^2}} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{\Phi^{(n,m)}(\tau)}{(\tau-z)^{3/2}} \,\mathrm{d}\tau,$$
(18)

for  $z \in \mathbb{H}^-$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ . More generally, for

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2; \mathbb{Z}),$$

we have

$$\widehat{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(z) - \frac{1}{v^{(n,m)}(\gamma)} (cz+d)^{-3/2} \\ \times \sum_{n',m'} (\mathbf{M}_{\gamma})^{n',m'}_{n,m} \widehat{\Phi}^{(n',m')}(\gamma(z)) \\ = r^{(n,m)}(z;\gamma^{-1}(\infty)),$$
(19)

where a matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{\gamma}$  and  $v^{(n,m)}(\gamma)$  are given from the modular transformation,

$$\sum_{n',m'} (\mathbf{M}_{\gamma})_{n,m}^{n',m'} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{(n',m')} (\boldsymbol{\gamma}(z))$$
$$= v^{(n,m)}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) \sqrt{cz+d} \, \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(z).$$

When we substitute Eq. (8) into Eq. (16) and perform an integration term by term in a limit  $z \rightarrow \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we see that

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(\alpha) = \widehat{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(\alpha)$$

Note that the left-hand side is given by Eq. (12) as a limit value from  $\mathbb{H}$  while the right-hand side is a limit from  $\mathbb{H}^-$ . We can check for  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$  that an asymptotic expansion of  $r^{(n,m)}(1/N; 0)$  gives a right-hand side of Eq. (13), and that from Eq. (12) we have

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(N+1) = e^{\frac{(nt-ms)^2}{2st}\pi i} \widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(N),$$
  
$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(0) = \phi(n,m),$$

which shows

$$\widetilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(N) = \phi(n,m) \mathrm{e}^{\frac{(nt-ms)^2}{2st}\pi \mathrm{i}N}.$$

Combining these results we recover Eq. (13).

# 3. Quantum knot invariant for torus knot

We study the *N*-colored Jones polynomial  $J_N(\mathcal{K})$ for the torus knot  $\mathcal{K} = T(s, t)$ . The torus knot T(s, t)for coprime integers *s*, *t* is the knot which wraps around the solid torus in the longitudinal direction *s* times and in the meridinal direction *t* times. See Fig. 1. It is also represented as  $(\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_{s-1})^t$  in terms of generators  $\sigma_i$  of the Artin braid group. An explicit form of the *N*-colored Jones polynomial is read as [16,17]

$$2 \operatorname{sh}(N\hbar/2) \frac{J_N(\mathcal{K})}{J_N(\mathcal{O})} = e^{-\frac{\hbar}{4}(\frac{t}{s} + \frac{s}{t})} \times \sum_{\varepsilon = \pm 1} \sum_{k=-\frac{N-1}{2}}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \varepsilon \exp\left(\hbar st \left(k + \frac{s + \varepsilon t}{2st}\right)^2\right),$$
(20)

where we have set a parameter  $q = e^{\hbar}$ , and  $\mathcal{O}$  denotes unknot. As was shown in Ref. [6], Kashaev's invariant [3,4] coincides with a specialization  $q \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/N}$  of the colored Jones polynomial. As the left-hand side of Eq. (20) vanishes in this substitution, Kashaev's invariant for the torus knot can be computed as a derivative of the right-hand side with respect to  $\hbar$ .

Here we recall the Eichler integral  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(1/N)$  which was computed in Eq. (12), and especially pay attention to a case of (n,m) = (s - 1, 1). Using a property of the Gauss sum, we obtain from Eq. (12)  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(s-1,1)}(1/N)$ 

$$= \frac{st}{N} e^{\frac{st}{2}N\pi i + (s+t)\pi i} \sum_{\varepsilon=\pm 1} \sum_{k=-\frac{N-1}{2}}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \varepsilon \left(k + \frac{s+\varepsilon t}{2st}\right)^2 \times e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}st(k+\frac{s+\varepsilon t}{2st})^2}.$$
(21)

As seen from Eq. (20), this expression is proportional to the colored Jones polynomial at  $\hbar \rightarrow 2\pi i/N$ . To conclude Kashaev's invariant  $\langle \mathcal{K} \rangle_N$  for torus knot  $\mathcal{K} = T(s, t)$  is identified with

$$e^{-\frac{(st-s-t)^2}{2stN}\pi i}\widetilde{\Phi}^{(s-1,1)}(1/N) = \langle T(s,t)\rangle_N.$$
(22)

We expect that the Eichler integrals  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(n,m)}(1/N)$  for other cases (n,m) are related with the quantum invariants of 3-manifolds. As a result Eq. (13) denotes an asymptotic expansion of Kashaev's invariant in  $N \to \infty$ . Note that an asymptotic behavior was studied in Refs. [18,19] in a different manner.

In general, we can construct q-series for the Eichler integrals based on the R-matrix [3]. We give some examples below (see Fig. 1). Hereafter we use a standard notation,

$$(x)_k = (x;q)_k = \prod_{j=1}^k (1 - xq^{j-1}),$$

 $\widetilde{\mathbf{a}}(1,2)$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} k\\ j \end{bmatrix} = \frac{(q)_k}{(q)_j(q)_{k-j}}.$$

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Phi}^{(1,1)}(\tau) &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{12}^{(1,1)}(k) q^{k^2/24} \\ &= q^{1/24} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (q)_k. \end{split}$$

This equality is Zagier's "strange" identity [12]; though both expressions do not converge simultaneously, the limiting values in q being roots of unity coincide. It is the Eichler integral of the Dedekind  $\eta$ -function.

• Solomon's Seal knot T(2, 5),

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Phi}^{(1,1)}(\tau) &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{20}^{(1,1)}(k) q^{k^2/40} \\ &= q^{9/40} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (q)_k \sum_{j=0}^k q^{j(j+1)} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ j \end{bmatrix}, \\ \widetilde{\Phi}^{(1,2)}(\tau) &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{20}^{(1,2)}(k) q^{k^2/40} \\ &= q^{1/40} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (q)_k \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} q^{j^2} \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ j \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

The equalities in above formulae have same meaning with a case of trefoil [14]. These are the Eichler integral of the Rogers–Ramanujan q-series, which is the character of the Lee–Yang theory  $\mathcal{M}(2, 5)$ .

• Knot T(3, 4),

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Phi}^{(1,1)}(\tau) \\ &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{24}^{(1,1)}(k) q^{k^2/48} \\ &= q^{1/48} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (q)_k \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} q^{2j^2} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ 2j \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (k+1)/2 \rfloor} q^{2j^2} \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ 2j \end{bmatrix} \right), \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \varphi^{(x,y)(\tau)} &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{24}^{(1,2)}(k) q^{k^2/48} \\ &= 2q^{1/12} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (q^2; q^2)_k, \\ \widetilde{\varPhi}^{(1,3)}(\tau) &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \chi_{24}^{(1,3)}(k) q^{k^2/48} \\ &= q^{25/48} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (q)_k \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (k-1)/2 \rfloor} q^{2j(j+1)} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ 2j+1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} q^{2j(j+1)} \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ 2j+1 \end{bmatrix} \right). \end{split}$$

These are the Eichler integral of the Slater's q-series [20], which is the character of the Ising model  $\mathcal{M}(3, 4)$ .

See that infinite sums in all those expressions reduce to a finite sum in a case  $q \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/N}$ .

Asymptotic behavior of Kashaev's invariant,

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\frac{2\pi}{N}\log\langle\mathcal{K}\rangle_N,$$

is conjectured [4,6] to give the hyperbolic volume of the knot complement  $M = S^3 \setminus \mathcal{K}$ . In our case, the torus knot is not hyperbolic. We can rather expect from Eqs. (13) and (22) that a value

$$-\frac{(nt-ms)^2}{st}\pi^2 = -4\pi^2 \left(\Delta_{n,m}^{s,t} - \frac{c(s,t)-1}{24}\right),$$
(23)

is related to the SU(2) Chern-Simons invariant,

$$\mathrm{CS}(M) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{M} \mathrm{Tr}\bigg(A \wedge \mathrm{d}A + \frac{2}{3}A \wedge A \wedge A\bigg).$$

To see this fact, we recall that the fundamental group of  $M = S^3 \setminus T(s, t)$  has a presentation

$$\pi_1(M) = \langle x, y | x^s = y^t \rangle.$$
(24)

As was shown in Ref. [21], the Chern–Simons invariant from two SU(2) representation  $\rho_0$  and  $\rho_1$  of  $\pi_1(M)$ 

satisfies

$$CS(M; \rho_1) - CS(M; \rho_0) = -4\pi^2 \int_0^1 \beta(z) \alpha'(z) \, dz.$$
(25)

Here  $\alpha(z)$  and  $\beta(z)$  are from the representation  $\rho_z$ ,  $z \in [0, 1]$ , of the meridian  $\mu$  and the longitude  $\lambda$  up to conjugation,

$$\rho_{z}(\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i\alpha(z)} & \\ & e^{-2\pi i\alpha(z)} \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\rho_{z}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i\beta(z)} & \\ & e^{-2\pi i\beta(z)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In a case of complement (24) of the torus knot, the longitude  $\lambda$  and the meridian  $\mu$  are respectively given by  $x^s$  and  $x^a y^b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfies as + bt = 1. As the longitude  $\lambda = x^s = y^t$  is a center of group, it is sent to  $\pm 1$ . From relations  $(x^a)^s = (x^s)^a$  and  $(y^b)^t = (x^s)^b$  we see that  $x^a$  and  $y^b$  is conjugate to

$$\rho(x^{a}) \to \begin{pmatrix} e^{\pi i n/s} & \\ & e^{-\pi i n/s} \end{pmatrix},$$
  
$$\rho(y^{b}) \to \begin{pmatrix} e^{\pi i m/t} & \\ & e^{-\pi i m/t} \end{pmatrix},$$

where *n*, *m* are integers. Correspondingly we find that a path of representation from a trivial representation z = 0 is given by

$$\alpha(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n}{s} + \frac{m}{t} \right) z, \qquad \beta(z) = \frac{st}{2} \left( \frac{n}{s} + \frac{m}{t} \right)$$

Here  $\beta(z)$  is constant along this path representation since the longitude is fixed to be  $\pm 1$ . Substituting into Eq. (25), we get a quantity (23) as the Chern–Simons invariant of *M* modulo  $2\pi^2$ .

## 4. Concluding remarks

We have revealed intriguing properties of the character of the minimal model  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$ . We have shown that Kashaev's invariant, i.e., a specific value of the *N*colored Jones polynomial, for the torus knot T(s, t)is regarded as the Eichler integral of the character for (n, m) = (s - 1, 1) with *q* being the *N*th root of unity. It is natural to expect that general (n, m) case is also related to the quantum invariant of the 3-manifold. As was shown in Ref. [15], the Eichler integral of the affine  $\hat{su}(2)_{m+2}$  character, which is modular covariant with weight 3/2, gives Kashaev's invariant for torus link T(2, 2m) when q is the *N*th primitive root of unity. As the torus knot and link are not hyperbolic, we may regard the hyperbolic manifold as a (massive) deformation of the conformal field theory.

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