FIXED POINTS AND CONJUGACY CLASSES OF REGULAR ELLIPTIC ELEMENTS IN $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we obtain 13 isolated fixed points (up to a $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ -equivalence) and 86 conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$. Hence the contributions from regular elliptic conjugacy classes in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to the dimension formula computed via the Selberg trace formula can be computed explicitly by the main theorem of [4 or 5].

Introduction. In [6 and 7], E. Gottschling studied the fixed points and their isotropy groups of finite order elements in $\mathrm{Sp}(2, \mathbf{Z})$. He finally obtained six $\mathrm{Sp}(2, \mathbf{Z})$ -inequivalent isolated fixed points as follows:

- (1) $Z_1 = \mathrm{diag}[i, i],$
- (2) $Z_2 = \mathrm{diag}[\rho, \rho], \quad \rho = e^{\pi i/3},$
- (3) $Z_3 = \mathrm{diag}[i, \rho],$
- (4) $Z_4 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$
- (5) $Z_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \eta & (\eta - 1)/2 \\ (\eta - 1)/2 & \eta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}i}{3},$
- (6) $Z_6 = \begin{bmatrix} \omega & \omega + \omega^{-2} \\ \omega + \omega^{-2} & -\omega^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega = e^{2\pi i/5}.$

The isotropy subgroups at Z_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$) are groups of order 16, 36, 12, 12, 24 and 5, respectively.

By the argument of [9], these fixed points can be obtained from symplectic embeddings of

$$Q(i) \oplus Q(i), \quad Q(\rho) \oplus Q(\rho), \quad Q(i) \oplus Q(\rho), \\ Q(e^{\pi i/6}), \quad Q(e^{\pi i/4}), \quad Q(e^{2\pi i/5}),$$

into $M_4(Q)$. In this paper, we shall combine the reduction theory of symplectic matrices [2, 3] with the arguments of [8, 9] and obtain all $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ -inequivalent isolated fixed point and conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$. A table for all representatives and their centralizer in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})/\{\pm 1\}$ of regular elliptic conjugacy classes in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ is given.

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1. Notations and basic results. Let $\mathbf{Z}$, $\mathbf{Q}$, $\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ denote the ring of integers, the fields of rational, real and complex numbers, respectively. The real symplectic matrices of degree n ,

$$\mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{R}) = \left\{ M \in M_{2n}(\mathbf{R}) \mid {}^t M J M = J, J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E_n \\ -E_n & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

act on the generalized half space H_n defined by

$$H_n = \{ Z \in M_n(\mathbf{C}) \mid Z = {}^t Z, \operatorname{Im} Z > 0 \}.$$

Here $M_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$ is the $2n \times 2n$ matrix ring over $\mathbf{R}$, $M_n(\mathbf{C})$ is the $n \times n$ matrix ring over $\mathbf{C}$, E_n is the identity of $M_n(\mathbf{C})$ and ${}^t Z$ is the transpose of Z .

A point Z_0 in H_n is called an isolated fixed point of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ if there exists $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$ in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ such that Z_0 is the unique solution of the equation,

$$AZ + B = Z(CZ + D), \quad Z \in H_n.$$

An element M of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ is regular elliptic if M has an isolated fixed point (see [4]). Now suppose M is a regular elliptic element of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$; then by the discreteness of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ and the property that $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ acts transitively on H_3 , we conclude that

- (1) M is an element of finite order,
- (2) M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix}$ with $A + Bi = \operatorname{diag}[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3]$, λ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) root of unity and $\lambda_i \lambda_j \neq 1$ for all i, j ,
- (3) the centralizer of M in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ is a group of finite order.

By property (1), we see that the minimal polynomial of M is a product of different cyclotomic polynomials as follow: $X^2 + 1$, $X^2 - X + 1$, $X^2 + X + 1$, $X^4 + 1$, $X^4 - X^2 + 1$, $X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$, $X^4 - X^3 + X^2 - X + 1$, $X^6 - X^3 + 1$, $X^6 + X^3 + 1$, $X^6 + X^5 + X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$, $X^6 - X^5 + X^4 - X^3 + X^2 - X + 1$.

For our convenience, we identify $\mathrm{Sp}(n_1, \mathbf{R}) \times \mathrm{Sp}(n_2, \mathbf{R})$ as a subgroup of $\mathrm{Sp}(n_1 + n_2, \mathbf{R})$ via the embedding

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} P & Q \\ R & S \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & B & 0 \\ 0 & P & 0 & Q \\ C & 0 & D & 0 \\ 0 & R & 0 & S \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also, we consider the unitary group $U(n)$ as a maximal compact subgroup of $\mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{R})$ via the identification $A + Bi \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix}$.

2. Reducible cases. For each regular elliptic element M in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$, the ring $Q(M)$ is isomorphic to a direct sum of cyclotomic fields which have degree at most 6 since M is a semisimple element. The summand must be equal to one of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &Q[e^{\pi i/2}], \quad Q[e^{2\pi i/3}], \quad Q[e^{\pi i/4}], \quad Q[e^{2\pi i/5}], \\ &Q[e^{\pi i/6}], \quad Q[e^{2\pi i/7}], \quad Q[e^{2\pi i/9}]. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose the characteristic polynomial $P(X)$ of M is reducible over $\mathbf{Z}[X]$; then we obtain the following ten possible fixed points for M simply from fixed points of regular elliptic elements of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ and $\mathrm{Sp}(2, \mathbf{Z})$.

1. $Z_{01} = \mathrm{diag}[i, i, i],$ 2. $Z_{02} = [\rho, \rho, \rho],$
3. $Z_{03} = \mathrm{diag}[\rho, i, i],$ 4. $Z_{04} = [i, \rho, \rho],$
5. $Z_{05} = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta & (\eta - 1)/2 \\ 0 & (\eta - 1)/2 & \eta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}i}{3},$
6. $Z_{06} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$
7. $Z_{07} = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & \omega + \omega^{-2} \\ 0 & \omega + \omega^{-2} & -\omega^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega = e^{2\pi i/5},$
8. $Z_{08} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta & (\eta - 1)/2 \\ 0 & (\eta - 1)/2 & \eta \end{bmatrix},$
9. $Z_{09} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \bar{\rho} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$
10. $Z_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & \omega + \omega^{-2} \\ 0 & \omega + \omega^{-2} & -\omega^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$

Let G_i ($i = 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10$) be the isotropy group of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})/\{\pm 1\}$ at Z_i ($i = 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10$), respectively. Then a direct calculation shows that the order of G_i ($i = 01, 02, \dots, 10$) are 192, 648, 96, 144, 96, 48, 20, 144, 72, 30, respectively. By considering conjugacy classes in G_i ($i = 01, 02, \dots, 10$), we get 72 conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ as shown in the table.

Now we shall show that every regular elliptic element with reducible characteristic polynomial is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to one of these 72 conjugacy classes. First we need

LEMMA 1. Suppose $M \in \mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$ with characteristic polynomial $P(X)$ satisfying

- (1) $P(X)$ is a product of two relative prime polynomials $P_1(X)$ and $P_2(x)$ with integral coefficients of degrees $2n_1$ and $2n_2$ ($n_1 + n_2 = n$), respectively,
- (2) $P_i(X) = X^{2n_i}P_i(1/X)$, $i = 1, 2$.

Then there exists $R \in \mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Q})$ such that $R^{-1}MR = M_1 \times M_2 \in \mathrm{Sp}(n_1, \mathbf{Q}) \times \mathrm{Sp}(n_2, \mathbf{Q})$. Furthermore, the characteristic polynomial of M_1 (resp. M_2) is $P_1(X)$ (resp. $P_2(X)$).

PROOF. (See Lemmas 1 and 2 of [2].)

LEMMA 2. Let $M \in \mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$. Suppose that there exists $R \in \mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Q})$ such that

$$R^{-1}MR = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & B & * \\ * & {}^tU & * & * \\ C & 0 & D & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & U^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then there exists $\tilde{R} \in \mathrm{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$ such that $\tilde{R}^{-1}M\tilde{R}$ has the same form as $R^{-1}MR$.

PROOF. (See Satz 2 of [3].)

THEOREM 1. Suppose M is a regular elliptic element of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ with a reducible characteristic polynomial $P(X)$. Then M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to an element of $\bigcup_{i=0}^{10} G_i$.

PROOF. Here we only prove three special cases, other cases follow with similar arguments.

(1) $P(X) = (X^2 + 1)^3$. A representative of M in $U(3)$ is $\mathrm{diag}[i, i, i]$. Thus M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E \\ -E & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, i.e. there exists $L \in \mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ such that $M = L^{-1}JL$. With the Iwasawa decomposition of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$, we can write

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U & S {}^tU^{-1} \\ 0 & {}^tU^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A + Bi \in U(3).$$

Since J commutes with $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix}$, it follows

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} U & S {}^tU^{-1} \\ 0 & {}^tU^{-1} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} J = \begin{bmatrix} U & S {}^tU^{-1} \\ 0 & {}^tU^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

This forces $U, {}^tU^{-1}, S \in \mathrm{GL}(3, \mathbf{Z})$. Hence M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & E \\ -E & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(2) $P(X) = (X^2 - X + 1)^3$. A representative of M in $U(3)$ is $\mathrm{diag}[\rho, \rho, \rho]$ or $\mathrm{diag}[\rho^2, \rho^2, \rho^2]$. On the other hand, $Q(M) \cong Q(\rho)$ as fields and the class number of $Q(\rho)$ is 1 by Theorem 11.1 in Chapter 11 of [10]. Hence the number of conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements with $X^2 - X + 1$ as minimal polynomial is 2 by [8 or 9]. Thus M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to $\begin{bmatrix} E & -E \\ E & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} E & -E \\ E & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2$.

(3) $P(X) = (X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1)$. Note that M can be represented in $U(3)$ as

$$e[1/2, 2/5, 4/5] \text{ or } e[1/2, 4/5, 8/5] \text{ or } e[1/2, 6/5, 2/5] \text{ or } e[1/2, 8/5, 6/5].$$

($e[a, b, c]$ stands for $[e^{\pi i a}, e^{\pi i b}, e^{\pi i c}]$).

In particular, M^5 can be represented in $U(3)$ as $\mathrm{diag}[i, 1, 1]$ or $[-i, 1, 1]$ and has characteristic polynomial $(X^2 + 1)(X - 1)^4$. By Lemmas 1 and 2, there exists $R \in \mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ such that

$$R^{-1}M^5R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & * \\ * & E_2 & * & * \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & * \\ * & E_2 & * & * \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times E_4 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times E_4.$$

Hence we may assume

$$R^{-1}M^5R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times E_4 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times E_4.$$

Note that the isolated fixed point of $R^{-1}MR$ is contained in the set of fixed points of $R^{-1}M^5R$, i.e. the set

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z_2 & z_{23} \\ 0 & z_{23} & z_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Im } Z > 0.$$

Now it is easy to see that the isolated fixed point of $R^{-1}MR$ is $(\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \times \text{Sp}(2, \mathbf{Z}))$ -equivalent to Z_{07} and M is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ to an element of G_{07} . Q.E.D.

In the sections following, we shall determine conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements of orders 9 and 7.

3. Symplectic embeddings of $Q(e^{2\pi i/9})$ and $Q(e^{2\pi i/7})$. For our convenience, we denote $e^{2\pi i/9}$ by ζ . Note that $Q(\zeta)$ is the splitting field of the cyclotomic polynomial $X^6 + X^3 + 1$ and contains the total real number field $Q(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$ which is the splitting field of $X^3 - 3X + 1$. By a symplectic embedding of $Q(\zeta)$ into $M_6(Q)$, we mean an injection from $Q(\zeta)$ into $M_6(Q)$ such that ζ is mapped into a symplectic matrix M and $Q(\zeta) \cong Q(M)$ as fields [9].

LEMMA 3. *Let M be an element of $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ of order 9. Then M is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to one of the following: $[\zeta, \zeta^4, \zeta^7]$, $[\zeta, \zeta^2, \zeta^4]$, $[\zeta, \zeta^2, \zeta^5]$, $[\zeta, \zeta^5, \zeta^7]$, $[\zeta^2, \zeta^4, \zeta^8]$, $[\zeta^2, \zeta^5, \zeta^8]$, $[\zeta^4, \zeta^7, \zeta^8]$, $[\zeta^5, \zeta^7, \zeta^8]$.*

PROOF. The minimal polynomial of M is $X^6 + X^3 + 1$ which can be factored into $(X - \zeta)(X - \zeta^2)(X - \zeta^4)(X - \zeta^5)(X - \zeta^7)(X - \zeta^8)$
 $= [X^2 + (\zeta + \zeta^{-1})X + 1][X^2 - (\zeta^2 + \zeta^{-2})X + 1][X^2 - (\zeta^4 + \zeta^{-4})X + 1].$

Hence M is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \pm \sin \theta \\ \mp \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \pm \sin 2\theta \\ \mp \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos 4\theta & \pm \sin 4\theta \\ \mp \sin 4\theta & \cos 4\theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{9}.$$

Note that the above eight elements of $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ are represented by the prescribed elements in $U(3)$ as in our lemma.

LEMMA 4. *The number of conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements of order 9 in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ is 8.*

PROOF. The ideal class number of $Q(\zeta)$ is 1 by Theorem 11.1 of [9], hence the number of conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements of order 9 is given by $[E_0 : N(E)]$, where

E : the group of units in $Q(\zeta)$,

E_0 : the group of units in $Q(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$,

$N(E) = \{u\bar{u} | u \in E\}$,

according to the argument of [8 or 9].

The group of units for cyclotomic fields is determined in Chapter 8 of [10]. Applying this to our case, we get $[E_0 : N(E)] = 8$ when the cyclotomic field is $Q(\zeta)$.

There are two conjugacy classes of elements of order 9 appearing in the isotropy group G_{02} of $Z_{02} = \text{diag}[\rho, \rho, \rho]$. Indeed, if we let $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$ with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then it is a direct verification to show that

- (1) M is an element of order 9.
- (2) M can be represented in $U(3)$ as $[\xi, \xi^4, \xi^7]$ or $[\xi^2, \xi^8, \xi^5]$.
- (3) $M^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E \\ E & -E \end{bmatrix}$ has an isolated fixed point at Z_{02} .

Now we begin to look for the other six conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements of order 9 in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$.

THEOREM 2. Suppose α, β, γ are distinct roots of the equation $X^3 - 3X + 1 = 0$ (or more precisely, $\alpha = 2 \cos 2\pi/9$, $\beta = 2 \cos 4\pi/9$, $\gamma = 2 \cos 8\pi/9$),

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Omega = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -3 + \alpha + \alpha^2 & -3 + \beta + \beta^2 & -3 + \gamma + \gamma^2 \\ -1 + \alpha^2 & -1 + \beta^2 & -1 + \gamma^2 \\ 1 + \alpha & 1 + \beta & 1 + \gamma \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} A & E \\ -E & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

- (1) M is an element of order 9 in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ and has an isolated fixed point at

$$Z_{11} = -\frac{1}{2}A + i\Omega \left(E - \frac{1}{4}'\Omega A^2 \Omega \right)^{1/2} \Omega,$$

- (2) M is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to $[\xi, \xi^2, \xi^4]$ of $U(3)$,
- (3) the centralizer of M in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})/\{\pm 1\}$ is a group of order 9.

PROOF. (1) Since the characteristic polynomial of M is $X^6 + X^3 + 1$, it follows that M is an element of order 9 in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$. Note that $\frac{1}{3}'[-3 + \alpha + \alpha^2, -1 + \alpha^2, 1 + \alpha]$ is the normalized eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue α . It follows that $'\Omega A \Omega = \text{diag}[\alpha, \beta, \gamma]$ and

$$\left(E - \frac{1}{4}'\Omega A \Omega \right)^{1/2} = \text{diag}[(1 - \alpha^2/4)^{1/2}, (1 - \beta^2/4)^{1/2}, (1 - \gamma^2/4)^{1/2}].$$

Now it is a direct verification to show that $AZ_{11} = Z_{11}A$ and $Z_{11}^2 + AZ_{11} + E = 0$. Thus $Z_{11} = -\frac{1}{2}A + i\Omega \left(E - \frac{1}{4}'\Omega A^2 \Omega \right)^{1/2} \Omega$ is a fixed point of M . But M has exactly one fixed point by Lemma 3, hence Z_{11} is the unique isolated fixed point of M .

- (2) Let $R = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega \end{bmatrix}$. Then $R \in \text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ and

$$R^{-1}MR = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \beta & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that $R^{-1}MR$ is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos 3\theta & \sin 3\theta \\ -\sin 3\theta & \cos 3\theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{9},$$

because $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos \mu & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is conjugate in $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{R})$ to $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \mu & \sin \mu \\ -\sin \mu & \cos \mu \end{bmatrix}$. This proves our assertion in (2).

(3) Let $C(M, \mathbf{Z})$ be the centralizer of M in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})/\{\pm 1\}$. Suppose γ is an element of $C(M, \mathbf{Z})$. Then

$$M(\gamma(Z_{11})) = \gamma(M(Z_{11})) = \gamma(Z_{11}).$$

Since Z_{11} is the only fixed point of M , this forces $\gamma(Z_{11}) = Z_{11}$.

Note that $'\Omega Z_{11} \Omega = R(Z_{11}) = \text{diag}[-\bar{\xi}, -\bar{\xi}^2, -\bar{\xi}^4]$. Here $R = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega \end{bmatrix}$ as in (2). From $\gamma(Z_{11}) = Z_{11}$, we get

$$R\gamma R^{-1}(' \Omega Z_{11} \Omega) = ' \Omega Z_{11} \Omega.$$

It follows that

$$R\gamma R^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a'' & b'' \\ c'' & d'' \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} -a\bar{\xi} + b = c\bar{\xi}^2 - d\bar{\xi}, & ad - bc = 1, \\ -a'\bar{\xi}^2 + b' = c'\bar{\xi}^4 - d'\bar{\xi}^2, & a'd' - b'c' = 1, \\ -a''\bar{\xi}^4 + b'' = c''\bar{\xi}^8 - d''\bar{\xi}^4, & a''d'' - b''c'' = 1. \end{cases}$$

The general solution of a, b, c, d is given by

$$\begin{cases} a = \cos \theta - \cot \frac{2\pi}{9} \sin \theta, & b = -\sec \frac{2\pi}{9} \sin \theta, \\ c = \sec \frac{2\pi}{9} \sin \theta, & d = \cos \theta + \cot \frac{2\pi}{9} \sin \theta, \end{cases} \quad \theta \in \mathbf{R}.$$

The characteristic polynomial of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is $X^2 - 2 \cos \theta X + 1$, hence $2 \cos \theta$ is an algebraic integer of degree 1 or 3. On the other hand, the fact that γ is an element of finite order implies $e^{i\theta}$ is a root of unity. Now we have the following cases:

Case I. If $2 \cos \theta$ is an algebraic integer of degree 3, then the characteristic polynomial of γ is an irreducible polynomial of degree 6. Since M satisfies this case, the characteristic polynomial of γ is $X^6 + X^3 + 1$ or $X^6 - X^3 + 1$. This leads to the fact that $\theta = 2\pi/9$ or $4\pi/9$ or $8\pi/9$ and γ is one of the following elements: $\pm M$, $\pm M^2$, $\pm M^4$, $\pm M^5$, $\pm M^7$, $\pm M^8$.

Case II. If $2 \cos \theta = \pm 1$, then γ is an element of order 3. Then $\gamma = \pm M^3$ or $\pm M^6$ by a direct calculation.

Case III. If $2 \cos \theta = \pm 2$, then $\gamma = \pm E_6$.

Case IV. If $2 \cos \theta = 0$, then

$$\gamma = R^{-1} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\cot \eta & -\sec \eta \\ \sec \eta & \cot \eta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -\cot 2\eta & -\sec 2\eta \\ \sec 2\eta & \cot 2\eta \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -\cot 4\eta & -\sec 4\eta \\ \sec 4\eta & \cot 4\eta \end{bmatrix} \right\} R$$

with $\eta = 2\pi/9$. Such a γ is not an integral matrix.

By the above discussion, we conclude $C(M, \mathbf{Z})$ is a group of order 9 generated by M .

TABLE. Regular elliptic conjugacy classes of $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbb{Z})$

Here $e[a, b, c]$ stands for $\text{diag}[e^{\pi ia}, e^{\pi ib}, e^{\pi ic}]$, $P_1(X) = X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$ and $P_2(X) = X^6 + X^5 + X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + X + 1$.

No.	Representative in $U(3)$	Minimal polynomial	Order of centralizer	No. of conjugates in isotropy group
1	$e[1/2, 1/2, 1/2]$	$X^2 + 1$	192	1
2	$e[1/2, 1/4, 5/4]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	16	12
3	$e[1/2, 3/4, 7/4]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	16	12
4	$e[1/6, 5/6, 9/6]$	$X^6 + 1$	6	32
5	$e[1/3, 1/3, 1/3]$	$X^2 - X + 1$	648	1
6	$e[2/3, 1/3, 1/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	216	3
7	$e[4/3, 1/3, 1/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	216	3
8	$e[2/3, 2/3, 1/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	216	3
9	$e[2/3, 2/3, 2/3]$	$X^2 + X + 1$	648	1
10	$e[5/3, 2/3, 2/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	216	3
11	$e[1/3, 1/3, 4/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	18
12	$e[2/3, 2/3, 5/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	18
13	$e[1/3, 1/6, 7/6]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	18
14	$e[2/3, 1/6, 7/6]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	18
15	$e[1/3, 5/6, 11/6]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	18
16	$e[2/3, 5/6, 11/6]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	18
17	$e[2/9, 8/9, 14/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	72
18	$e[4/9, 10/9, 16/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	72
19	$e[1/3, 1/2, 1/2]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)(X^2 + 1)$	96	1
20	$e[2/3, 1/2, 1/2]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)(X^2 + 1)$	96	1
21	$e[4/3, 1/2, 1/2]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)(X^2 + 1)$	96	1
22	$e[5/3, 1/2, 1/2]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)(X^2 + 1)$	96	1
23	$e[1/3, 1/4, 5/4]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	4
24	$e[2/3, 1/4, 5/4]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	4
25	$e[1/3, 3/4, 7/4]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	4
26	$e[2/3, 3/4, 7/4]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	4
27	$e[1/2, 1/3, 1/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^2 - X + 1)$	144	1
28	$e[3/2, 1/3, 1/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^2 - X + 1)$	144	1
29	$e[1/2, 2/3, 2/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^2 - X + 1)$	144	1
30	$e[3/2, 2/3, 2/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^2 + X + 1)$	144	1
31	$e[1/2, 2/3, 1/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	72	2
32	$e[3/2, 2/3, 1/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	72	2
33	$e[1/2, 4/3, 1/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	72	2
34	$e[1/2, 5/3, 2/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	72	2
35	$e[1/2, 1/6, 7/6]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 - X^2 + 1)$	24	6
36	$e[1/2, 1/3, 4/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	24	6
37	$e[1/2, 5/6, 11/6]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 - X^2 + 1)$	24	6
38	$e[1/2, 2/3, 5/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	24	6
39	$e[1/2, 1/4, 3/4]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	16	6
40	$e[1/2, 5/4, 7/4]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	16	6
41	$e[1/2, 1/3, 2/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^4 + X^2 + 1)$	24	2
42	$e[3/2, 1/3, 2/3]$	$(X^2 + 1)(X^2 - X + 1)$	24	2

TABLE (continued)

No.	Representative in $U(3)$	Minimal polynomial	Order of centralizer	No. of conjugates in isotropy group
43	$e[1/2, 2/5, 4/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(X)$	20	1
44	$e[1/2, 4/5, 8/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(X)$	20	1
45	$e[1/2, 6/5, 2/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(X)$	20	1
46	$e[1/2, 8/5, 6/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(X)$	20	1
47	$e[3/2, 2/5, 4/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(-X)$	20	1
48	$e[3/2, 4/5, 8/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(-X)$	20	1
49	$e[3/2, 6/5, 2/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(-X)$	20	1
50	$e[3/2, 8/5, 6/5]$	$(X^2 + 1)P_1(-X)$	20	1
51	$e[1/3, 1/4, 3/4]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	6
52	$e[2/3, 1/4, 3/4]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	6
53	$e[4/3, 1/4, 3/4]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	6
54	$e[5/3, 1/4, 3/4]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)(X^4 + 1)$	24	6
55	$e[1/3, 1/3, 2/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	4
56	$e[2/3, 1/3, 2/3]$	$X^4 + X^2 + 1$	36	4
57	$e[1/3, 2/5, 4/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
58	$e[2/3, 2/5, 4/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
59	$e[4/3, 2/5, 4/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
60	$e[5/3, 2/5, 4/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
61	$e[1/3, 4/5, 8/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
62	$e[2/3, 4/5, 8/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
63	$e[4/3, 4/5, 8/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
64	$e[5/3, 4/5, 8/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
65	$e[1/3, 6/5, 2/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
66	$e[2/3, 6/5, 2/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
67	$e[4/3, 6/5, 2/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
68	$e[5/3, 6/5, 2/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
69	$e[1/3, 8/5, 6/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
70	$e[2/3, 8/5, 6/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
71	$e[4/3, 8/5, 6/5]$	$(X^2 + X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
72	$e[5/3, 8/5, 6/5]$	$(X^2 - X + 1)P_1(X)$	30	1
73	$e[2/9, 4/9, 8/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	1
74	$e[4/9, 8/9, 16/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	1
75	$e[8/9, 16/9, 14/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	1
76	$e[10/9, 2/9, 4/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	1
77	$e[14/9, 10/9, 2/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	1
78	$e[16/9, 14/9, 10/9]$	$X^6 + X^3 + 1$	9	1
79	$e[2/7, 4/7, 6/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	1
80	$e[4/7, 8/7, 12/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	1
81	$e[6/7, 12/7, 4/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	1
82	$e[8/7, 2/7, 10/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	1
83	$e[10/7, 6/7, 2/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	1
84	$e[12/7, 10/7, 8/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	1
85	$e[2/7, 4/7, 8/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	3
86	$e[6/7, 12/7, 10/7]$	$P_2(X)$	7	3

With the same argument, we get the following result by simply replacing the role of $e^{2\pi i/9}$ by $e^{2\pi i/7}$.

LEMMA 5. Let M be an element of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ of order 7. Then M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to one of the following ($v = e^{2\pi i/7}$):

$$\begin{aligned} &[v, v^2, v^3], \quad [v, v^2, v^4], \quad [v, v^4, v^5], \quad [v, v^3, v^5], \\ &[v^2, v^3, v^6], \quad [v^2, v^4, v^6], \quad [v^4, v^5, v^6], \quad [v^3, v^5, v^6]. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 6. The number of conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements of order 7 in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ is 8.

THEOREM 3. Suppose α, β, γ are distinct roots of the equation $X^3 + X^2 - 2X + 1$ (or more precisely, $\alpha = 2 \cos 2\pi/7$, $\beta = 2 \cos 4\pi/7$, $\gamma = 2 \cos 6\pi/7$),

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Omega' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\alpha + \alpha^2}{1 + 3\alpha} & \frac{\beta + \beta^2}{1 + 3\beta} & \frac{\gamma + \gamma^2}{1 + 3\gamma} \\ \frac{1 + 2\alpha}{1 + 3\alpha} & \frac{1 + 2\beta}{1 + 3\beta} & \frac{1 + 2\gamma}{1 + 3\gamma} \\ \frac{\alpha^2}{1 + 3\alpha} & \frac{\beta^2}{1 + 3\beta} & \frac{\gamma^2}{1 + 3\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} B & E \\ -E & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

(1) M is an element of order 7 in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ and has an isolated fixed point at

$$Z_{12} = -\frac{1}{2}B + i\Omega'(E - \frac{1}{4}\Omega'B^2\Omega')^{1/2}\Omega',$$

(2) M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to $[v, v^2, v^3]$,

(3) the centralizer of M in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})/\{\pm 1\}$ is a group of order 7 generated by M .

Note that $[v, v^2, v^4]$ and $[v^3, v^6, v^5]$ are exclusive in the set of all powers of $[v, v^2, v^3]$. To find all representatives for elliptic conjugacy classes of order 7, it suffices to get a representative which is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to $[v, v^2, v^4]$.

THEOREM 4. Let B, Ω' be matrices as in Theorem 3,

$$U = \mathrm{diag}[1, 1, -1] \quad \text{and} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} B & E + B \\ -(E + B)^{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

(1) M is an element of order 7 in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ with isolated fixed point at

$$Z_{13} = -\frac{1}{2}B(B + E) + i\Omega'\left[(E - \frac{1}{4}\Omega'B^2\Omega')^{1/2}\Omega'(B + E)\Omega U\right]\Omega',$$

(2) M is conjugate in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to $[v, v^2, v^4]$,

(3) the centralizer of M in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})/\{\pm 1\}$ is a finite group of order 7 generated by M .

PROOF. Since $\det(E + B) = 1$ and

$$\Omega'(E + B)\Omega' = \text{diag}\left[1 + 2\cos\frac{2\pi}{7}, 1 + 2\cos\frac{4\pi}{7}, 1 + 2\cos\frac{6\pi}{7}\right]$$

has signature $+, +, -$, it follows that $M \in \text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ and M is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{R})$ to

$$M' = \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos\theta & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos 2\theta & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos 3\theta & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{7}.$$

Indeed, if we let $R' = \Omega'\Lambda$ with

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}\left[\left(1 + 2\cos\frac{2\pi}{7}\right)^{-1/2}, \left(1 + 2\cos\frac{2\pi}{7}\right)^{-1/2}, \left(-1 - 2\cos\frac{2\pi}{7}\right)^{-1/2}\right],$$

then $(R')^{-1}MR' = M'$. Hence (1) and (2) follow as a direct calculation. By a similar argument as in (3) of Theorem 2, we get (2).

By Theorems 1, 2, 3 and 4, we obtain the following table for conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$.

4. Application. Contributions from conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements in $\text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$ to the dimension formula for Siegel cusp forms of degree n and weight k [4] are given by

$$\sum |C(M, \mathbf{Z})|^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \bar{\lambda}_i^k \prod_{i \leq j} (1 - \bar{\lambda}_i \bar{\lambda}_j)^{-1}.$$

Here the summation in M ranges over all conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements in $\text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{Z})$. M is conjugate in $\text{Sp}(n, \mathbf{R})$ to $[\begin{smallmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{smallmatrix}]$ with $A + Bi = \text{diag}[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n]$, $\lambda_i \lambda_j \neq 1$ for all i, j and $C(M, \mathbf{Z})$ is the centralizer of M in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$. Applying this formula to the case $n = 3$, we get all contributions from 86 regular elliptic conjugacy classes in $\text{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$.

For the case $n = 1$ and $n = 2$, the contribution from a particular regular elliptic conjugacy class appears to be a residue of a generating function at a simple pole. For example, the contribution from the conjugacy class of regular elliptic elements of order 5 in $\text{Sp}(2, \mathbf{Z})$ is given by

$$K = \frac{1}{25} [\omega^{-6k}(1 - \omega^{-2}) + \omega^{-2k}(1 - \omega^{-4}) + \omega^{-8k}(1 - \omega^{-6}) + \omega^{-4k}(1 - \omega^{-8})],$$

$$\omega = e^{\pi i/5},$$

which is precisely the negative of the sum of residues of the function

$$\frac{1}{(1 - T^4)(1 - T^6)(1 - T^{10})(1 - T^{12})T^{k+1}}$$

at $T = e^{i\theta}$ with $\theta = \pm\pi/5, \pm 2\pi/5, \pm 3\pi/5, \pm 4\pi/5$ when k is even.

It is easy to see that the total contribution from conjugacy classes of elements of order 2 or 3 in $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ is the negative of the sum of residues of the function

$$\frac{1}{(1 - T^4)(1 - T^6)T^{k+1}}$$

at $T = e^{i\theta}$ with $\theta = \pm\pi/2, \pm\pi/3, \pm 2\pi/3$ when k is even.

Note that

$$\frac{1}{(1 - T^4)(1 - T^6)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{(1 - T^4)(1 - T^6)(1 - T^{10})(1 - T^{12})}$$

are well known to be generating functions of dimension formulas for modular forms of degree 1 and degree 2, respectively. It is hopeful to find a generating function of a dimension formula for modular forms of degree 3 by computing contributions from conjugacy classes of regular elliptic elements in $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$. However, we can write down explicitly the conjugacy classes of $\mathrm{Sp}(3, \mathbf{Z})$ simply by using our results in this paper and reduction theory in [2, 3]. Thus a dimension formula for Siegel cusps forms of degree 3 can be obtained by the Selberg trace formula and results of [5].

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