

# Explanation of the Basic Invariants

The **modular diagonal quotient surface**  $Z_{N,e}$  is the **quotient surface**  $Z_{N,e} = \Delta_e \backslash Y_N$  in which  $Y_N = X(N) \times X(N)$  is the product of the modular curve  $X(N)$  with itself and  $\Delta_e \leq G \times G$  is a certain “**twisted diagonal**” **subgroup** of  $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$ . More precisely, let

$X(N) = \Gamma(N) \backslash \mathfrak{H}^*$	denote the <b>modular curve</b> of level $N$ ,
$G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) / \{\pm 1\}$ ,	viewed as a subgroup of the <b>automorphism group</b> of $X(N)$ ,
$\pi : X(N) \rightarrow X(1) = G \backslash X(N)$	the associated <b>quotient map</b> ,
$\alpha_e \in \mathrm{Aut}(X(N))$	the <b>automorphism</b> of $G$ defined by conjugation with $Q_e$ ;

to be precise,  $\alpha_e(g) = Q_e g Q_e^{-1}$ , where  $Q_e = \begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  and  $e \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . Then let

$Y_N = X(N) \times X(N)$	be the <b>product surface</b> of $X$ by itself,
$\Delta_e = \{(g, \alpha_e(g)) : g \in G\}$	the “ <b>twisted diagonal</b> ” <b>subgroup</b> defined by $\alpha_e$ ,
$Z_{N,e} = \Delta_e \backslash Y$	the ( <b>twisted</b> ) <b>diagonal quotient surface</b> defined by $\alpha_e$ ,
$\varphi : Y_N \rightarrow Z_{N,e} = \Delta_e \backslash Y_n$	the the associated quotient map.

Thus, the product map  $\pi \times \pi : X(N) \times X(N) \rightarrow X(1) \times X(1)$  factors over  $\varphi$ :

$$X(N) \times X(N) \xrightarrow{\varphi} Z_{N,e} \xrightarrow{\psi} X(1) \times X(1).$$

Note that  $Z_{N,e}$  has (isolated) **singularities** (because  $\Delta_e$  has nontrivial stabilizers); we let

$\tilde{Z}_{N,e}$  denote its **desingularization**.

The **geometric invariants** of  $Z_{N,e}$  and  $\tilde{Z}_{N,e}$ , such as the **Betti** and **Hodge numbers** etc., may be computed by **simple expressions** from the following list of **basic invariants**:

$m$	$=  G  =  \Delta_e  =  \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) /2$ , the <b>order</b> of $G$ or of $\Delta_e$
$g$	$= g_{X(N)}$ , the <b>genus</b> of $X(N)$
$r_0$	$= \#$ of <b>singularities</b> of $Z_{N,e}$ <b>above</b> $\bar{P}_0 \times \bar{P}_0$
$r_1$	$= \#$ of <b>singularities</b> of $Z_{N,e}$ <b>above</b> $\bar{P}_1 \times \bar{P}_1$
$s_{11}$	$= \#$ of <b>singularities</b> of $Z_{N,e}$ <b>above</b> $\bar{P}_1 \times \bar{P}_1$ of type $(3, 1)$
$r_\infty$	$= \#$ of <b>singularities</b> of $Z_{N,e}$ <b>above</b> $\bar{P}_\infty \times \bar{P}_\infty$
$\mathbb{L}_\infty$	$= \#$ of <b>irreducible</b> components of the <b>resolution curves</b> of the singularities above $\bar{P}_\infty \times \bar{P}_\infty$
$\mathbb{S}_\infty$	$=$ a certain sum of Dedekind sums (contribution at $\infty$ only)
$c_\infty$	$= \tilde{C}_{\infty,1}^2 = \tilde{C}_{\infty,2}^2$ , the self-intersection numbers of the two curves $\tilde{C}_{\infty,1}, \tilde{C}_{\infty,2}$ .

Here, the points  $\bar{P}_0, \bar{P}_1$  and  $\bar{P}_\infty \in X(1)$  are the three ramification points of the quotient map  $\pi : X(N) \rightarrow X(1) = G \backslash X(N) \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$  (of orders  $2, 3, N$ , respectively).

From the above **basic invariants**, the other **geometric invariants** of the surface can be calculated readily, as is explained at the end of the tables.

**Note:** If  $e' = f^2 e$  with  $(f, N) = 1$ , then  $Z_{N,e'} \simeq Z_{N,e}$ . Thus, the tables list only one representative  $e$  for each square class **mod**  $N$ .