# Local Densities of Diagonal Integral Ternary Quadratic Forms at Odd Primes

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Let m be an integer. We would like to know when

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has an integer solution.



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Because of Chinese Remainder Theorem, only need to look at  $r_{p^k}(m, Q)$ , p prime.

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It can be shown that

$$\alpha_p(m,Q) = \lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{r_{p^k}(m,Q)}{p^{2k}}.$$



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The  $\alpha_p(m, Q)$ 's give us local information.

If  $m \neq 0$ , Hensel's lemma shows that

$$\alpha_p(m,Q) = 0 \iff r_{p^k}(m,Q) = 0 \text{ for some } k.$$

This implies that r(m, Q) = 0 if  $\alpha_p(m, Q) = 0$  for some prime p. (Converse does not hold.)



## Siegel's Mass Formula for Rank 3 Quadratic Forms

#### Theorem (Siegel, 1935)

Let m be an integer and Q be a positive definite quadratic form of rank 3. Let  $\{Q_j\}$  be a complete set representatives for classes in the same genus as Q. Then

$$\frac{\sum_{j} \frac{r(m, Q_{j})}{\#O(Q_{j})}}{\sum_{j} \frac{1}{\#O(Q_{j})}} = \alpha_{\mathbb{R}}(m, Q) \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \alpha_{p}(m, Q),$$

where  $O(Q_j)$  is the orthogonal group of  $Q_j$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}(m,Q) = \lim_{U \to \{m\}} \frac{\operatorname{Vol}_{\mathbb{R}^3}(Q^{-1}(U))}{\operatorname{Vol}_{\mathbb{R}}(U)}$ , U is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}$  containing m,  $\operatorname{Vol}_{\mathbb{R}^3}(Q^{-1}(U))$  is the volume of  $Q^{-1}(U)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $\operatorname{Vol}_{\mathbb{R}}(U)$  is the volume of U in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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- Lomadze (1971) computed the representation numbers for these 82 quadratic forms.



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$$\alpha_p(m,Q) = 1 + \frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{-abcm}{p} \right),$$

where  $\begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ -p \end{pmatrix}$  is the Legendre symbol.

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#### Theorem (Berkovich and Jagy, 2012)

Let p be an odd prime and u be any integer with  $\left(\frac{-u}{p}\right)=-1$ . Let  $Q(\mathbf{v})=ux^2+py^2+upz^2$ . Suppose m is a nonzero integer and  $m=m_0p^{m_1}$ , where  $\gcd(m_0,p)=1$ . Then

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Also  $\alpha_p(0,Q)$  is computable. Multiple cases dependent on parities  $b_1$  and  $c_1$ .



## Main Theorem when $m_1 < c_1$

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## **Proof Sketch**

- Use exponential sums and quadratic Gauss sums to compute  $r_{p^k}(m,Q)$ .
- ② Divide by  $p^{2k}$  and take a limit.

## Quadratic Gauss Sums

Abbreviate  $e(w) = e^{2\pi i w}$ .

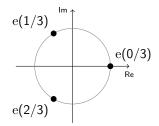
#### Definition

The quadratic Gauss sum g(n;q) over  $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$  is defined by

$$g(n;q) = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} e\left(\frac{nj^2}{q}\right).$$

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Since 
$$g(0; p^k) = p^k$$
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#### Lemma

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$$g(n; p^{k}) = \begin{cases} p^{k}, & \text{if } \ell \geq k, \\ p^{(k+\ell)/2} \left(\frac{n_{0}}{p^{k-\ell}}\right) \varepsilon_{p^{k-\ell}}, & \text{if } \ell < k, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\varepsilon_{p^{k-\ell}} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p^{k-\ell} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ i, & \text{if } p^{k-\ell} \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \end{cases}$$

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Compute  $s_{k,\tau}$  under different conditions depending on  $b_1$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $m_1$ , k, and  $\tau$ . Then compute  $r_{p^k}(m,Q)$  and  $\alpha_p(m,Q)$ .



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### Proof.

Suppose that  $0 \le \tau \le k-m_1-2$ . Then let  $t_0=t_1+t_2p$ , where  $1 \le t_1 \le p-1$  and  $0 \le t_2 \le p^{k-\tau-1}-1$ , so

$$\begin{split} s_{k,\tau} &= \sum_{t_1=1}^{\rho-1} \sum_{t_2=0}^{p^{k-\tau-1}-1} \mathrm{e} \bigg( \frac{-m_0(t_1+t_2\rho)\rho^{m_1+\tau}}{\rho^k} \bigg) \, g \bigg( a(t_1+t_2\rho)\rho^\tau; \, \rho^k \bigg) \\ & \cdot g \bigg( b_1(t_1+t_2\rho)\rho^{b_1+\tau}; \, \rho^k \bigg) \, g \bigg( c_0(t_1+t_2\rho)\rho^{c_1+\tau}; \, \rho^k \bigg) \\ &= \sum_{t_1=1}^{\rho-1} \sum_{t_2=0}^{p^{k-\tau-1}-1} \mathrm{e} \bigg( \frac{-m_0t_1}{\rho^{k-m_1-\tau}} \bigg) \, \mathrm{e} \bigg( \frac{-m_0t_2}{\rho^{k-m_1-1-\tau}} \bigg) \, g \bigg( at_1\rho^\tau; \, \rho^k \bigg) \\ & \cdot g \bigg( b_1t_1\rho^{b_1+\tau}; \, \rho^k \bigg) \, g \bigg( c_0t_1\rho^{c_1+\tau}; \, \rho^k \bigg) \end{split}$$

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## Proof (continued).

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Now

$$\sum_{t_2=0}^{p^{k-\tau-1}-1} e\left(\frac{-m_0 t_2}{p^{k-m_1-1-\tau}}\right) = p^{m_1} \sum_{t_2=0}^{p^{k-m_1-\tau-1}-1} e\left(\frac{-m_0 t_2}{p^{k-m_1-1-\tau}}\right)$$
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For 
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$$\begin{aligned} s_{k,\tau} &= \sum_{t_0 \in (\mathbb{Z}/p^{k-\tau}\mathbb{Z})^*} p^{(k+\tau)/2} \left(\frac{at_0}{p^{k-\tau}}\right) \varepsilon_{p^{k-\tau}} p^{2k} \\ &= \varepsilon_{p^{k-\tau}} p^{5k/2+\tau/2} \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)^{k-\tau} \sum_{t_0 \in (\mathbb{Z}/p^{k-\tau}\mathbb{Z})^*} \left(\frac{t_0}{p}\right)^{k-\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

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# Computing $\sum_{\tau=k-\min(m_1,b_1)}^{k-1} \overline{s_{k,\tau}}$

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Let  $n_1 = \min(m_1, b_1)$ . Then

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where |x| is the greatest integer less than or equal to x.

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### Proof sketch:

- **1** Let  $\tau_1 = \frac{k-\tau}{2}$ .
- Apply formulas for geometric sums.

Thank you for listening!

### Theorem (J., 2020)

Let Q be the integral quadratic form  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$ , where a, b, and c are integers. Let p be an odd prime. Suppose  $p \nmid a$ ,  $b = b_0 p^{b_1}$ , and  $c = c_0 p^{c_1}$ , where  $b_1 \leq c_1$ ,  $\gcd(b_0, p) = 1$ , and  $\gcd(c_0, p) = 1$ . Suppose m is a nonzero integer and  $m = m_0 p^{m_1}$ , where  $\gcd(m_0, p) = 1$ . If  $m_1 < b_1$ , then

$$lpha_p(m,Q) = egin{cases} p^{m_1/2} \left(1 + \left(rac{am_0}{p}
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ight), & \textit{if } m_1 \textit{ is even,} \ 0, & \textit{if } m_1 \textit{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (J., 2020, continued)

If  $b_1 \leq m_1 < c_1$ , then

$$\alpha_p(m,Q) = \begin{cases} p^{b_1/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right)^{m_1+1} \\ + \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{m_1 - b_1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^{m_1} - 1}{4} + \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right) \left(\frac{m_1 - b_1}{2} + \frac{1 - (-1)^{m_1}}{4}\right)\right)\right), \\ if b_1 \text{ is even,} \\ p^{(b_1-1)/2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)^{m_1+1} \left(\frac{b_0}{p}\right)^{m_1} \left(\frac{m_0}{p}\right)\right), \\ if b_1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (J., 2020, continued)

If  $m_1 \geq c_1$  and  $b_1$  and  $c_1$  are even, then

$$\alpha_{p}(m,Q) = \begin{cases} p^{b_{1}/2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p} + p^{-m_{1}/2 + c_{1}/2 - 1} \left( \left( \frac{-ab_{0}c_{0}m_{0}}{p} \right) - 1 \right) \\ + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p} \right) \left( \frac{c_{1} - b_{1}}{2} + \left( \frac{-ab_{0}}{p} \right) \frac{c_{1} - b_{1}}{2} \right) \right), \\ \text{if } m_{1} \text{ is even,} \\ p^{b_{1}/2} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \left( 1 - p^{-(m_{1}+1)/2 + c_{1}/2} \right) \\ + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p} \right) \left( \frac{c_{1} - b_{1}}{2} + \left( \frac{-ab_{0}}{p} \right) \frac{c_{1} - b_{1}}{2} \right) \right), \\ \text{if } m_{1} \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (J., 2020, continued)

If  $m_1 \geq c_1$ ,  $b_1$  is even, and  $c_1$  is odd, then  $\alpha_p(m,Q) =$  $\left(p^{b_1/2} \left(1 - p^{-m_1/2 + (c_1 - 1)/2} \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) + \frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right)\right)\right)$  $+\left(1-\frac{1}{p}\right)\left(\frac{c_1-b_1-1}{2}+\left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right)\frac{c_1-b_1+1}{2}\right),$ if  $m_1$  is even,  $p^{b_1/2}\left(1+p^{-(m_1+1)/2+(c_1-1)/2}\left(\left(\frac{c_0m_0}{p}\right)-\left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right)\right)\right)$  $+\frac{1}{p}\left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right)$  $+\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{c_1-b_1-1}{2}+\left(\frac{-ab_0}{n}\right)\frac{c_1-b_1+1}{2}\right),$ if  $m_1$  is odd.

### Theorem (J., 2020, continued)

If  $m_1 \ge c_1$ ,  $b_1$  is odd, and  $c_1$  is even, then

$$\alpha_p(m,Q) = \begin{cases} p^{(b_1-1)/2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{-ac_0}{p} \right) \\ -p^{-m_1/2 + c_1/2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \left( \frac{-ac_0}{p} \right) \right), \\ \text{if } m_1 \text{ is even,} \\ p^{(b_1-1)/2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{-ac_0}{p} \right) \\ +p^{-(m_1+1)/2 + c_1/2} \left( \left( \frac{b_0 m_0}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{-ac_0}{p} \right) \right) \right), \\ \text{if } m_1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (J., 2020, continued)

If  $m_1 \geq c_1$  and  $b_1$  and  $c_1$  are odd, then

$$\alpha_p(m,Q) = \begin{cases} p^{(b_1-1)/2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{-b_0 c_0}{p} \right) \\ + p^{-m_1/2 + (c_1-1)/2} \left( \left( \frac{a m_0}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{-b_0 c_0}{p} \right) \right) \right), \\ \text{if } m_1 \text{ is even,} \\ p^{(b_1-1)/2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{-b_0 c_0}{p} \right) \\ - p^{(-m_1+c_1)/2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{p} \right) \left( \frac{-b_0 c_0}{p} \right) \right), \\ \text{if } m_1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (J., 2020, continued)

Furthermore,

$$\alpha_p(0, Q) =$$

$$\begin{cases} p^{b_1/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{c_1 - b_1}{2} + \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right) \frac{c_1 - b_1}{2}\right)\right), \\ & \text{if } b_1 \text{ and } c_1 \text{ are even,} \\ p^{b_1/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{c_1 - b_1 - 1}{2} + \left(\frac{-ab_0}{p}\right) \frac{c_1 - b_1 + 1}{2}\right)\right), \\ & \text{if } b_1 \text{ is even and } c_1 \text{ is odd,} \\ p^{(b_1 - 1)/2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-ac_0}{p}\right)\right), & \text{if } b_1 \text{ is odd and } c_1 \text{ is even,} \\ p^{(b_1 - 1)/2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-b_0c_0}{p}\right)\right), & \text{if } b_1 \text{ and } c_1 \text{ are odd.} \end{cases}$$