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**1. Introduction.** The problem of determining  $A_q(S, T)$ , the number of solutions of  $X'SX \equiv T \pmod{q}$ , where  $S^{(m)}$  and  $T^{(n)}$  are symmetric integral matrices, has been considered by C. L. Siegel [2, pp. 539–547]. He obtained explicit formulas for  $A_q(S, T)$  when  $q=p^a$ , where  $p$  is a prime not dividing  $2|S||T|$ . We wish to determine both  $A_2(S, T)$  and  $A_8(S, T)$  when  $|S||T|$  is odd. Siegel has shown that the calculation of  $A_8(S, T)$ , for  $|S||T|$  odd, is sufficient to give results when the modulus is replaced by a higher power of 2. Moreover, his work for composite moduli does not exclude a power of 2 as a factor.

We shall follow the pattern of Siegel's work, modifying it by the use of canonical forms established by B. W. Jones [1, pp. 715–727] and Gordon Pall for symmetric matrices in  $G_2$ , the ring of 2-adic integers. (Clearly,  $A_q(S, T)$  depends only on the classes of  $S$  and  $T$  in  $G_q$ , the ring of  $q$ -adic integers). We shall calculate  $A_2(S, T)$  combinatorially and  $A_8(S, T)$  by the use of exponential sums.

**2. Recursion formula.** For convenience, we state here the following theorem of Jones:

Every quadratic form with matrix in  $G_2$  and with unit determinant,  $D$ , is equivalent to one of the following:

$$(a) \quad x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + ax_{r-2}^2 + bx_{r-1}^2 + cx_r^2,$$

where  $a, b, c$  take one of the following sets of values:

- (1, 1, 1) or (1, 3, 3) for  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ,
- (1, 1, 5) or (1, 3, 7) for  $D \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ ,
- (1, 1, 3) or (3, 3, 3) for  $D \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ ,
- (1, 1, 7) or (3, 3, 7) for  $D \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ ,

while if  $r=2$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  take one of the following sets of values:

- (1, 1) or (3, 3) for  $D \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ,
- (1, 5) or (3, 7) for  $D \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ ,
- (1, 3) for  $D \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ ,
- (1, 7) for  $D \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ .

(b) A sum of binary forms of the two types:  $f = 2x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2$ ,

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$g=2x_1x_2$ . Here, we may at will choose one of types  $f$  and  $g$  and require that all but at most one of the binary forms be of that type.

When (a) applies, we will call the matrix of the form *even*; when (b) applies, we will call the matrix *odd*.

We assume hereafter that  $|S||T|$  is odd. Then we remark immediately, as in Siegel's paper, that all representations of  $T$  by  $S$  modulo  $2^a$ , where  $a=1$  or  $3$ , are primitive. Following the line of Siegel's proof, we now obtain the recursion formula.

Taking  $T=T_0^{(r)}+T_1^{(n-r)}$ , from the canonical forms above, we let  $\chi$  designate the first  $r$  columns of  $X$ , where  $X'SX \equiv T \pmod{2^a}$ . Then

$$(1) \quad \chi'S\chi \equiv T_0 \pmod{2^a}.$$

As remarked above, any solution  $\alpha$  of (1) is primitive, and so can be completed to a unimodular matrix  $U_1=(\alpha A)$  in  $G_2$ . We wish to alter  $U_1$  so that

$$(2) \quad U_1'SU_1 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} T_0 & N' \\ N & S_1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^a},$$

with  $N$  designating an  $m-r$  by  $r$  null matrix. To do this, we call  $E$  the matrix obtained from  $U_1'SU_1$  by deleting the first  $r$  columns and the last  $m-r$  rows. Then, noting that the determinant of  $T_0$  is a 2-adic unit, we multiply  $U_1$  by

$$\begin{pmatrix} I^{(r)} & -T_0^{-1}E \\ N & I^{(m-r)} \end{pmatrix}$$

to achieve the desired form (2).

Now if there exists a  $C$ , with its first  $r$  columns congruent to  $\alpha \pmod{2^a}$ , such that  $C'SC \equiv T \pmod{2^a}$ , we complete  $C$  to a unimodular matrix in  $G_2$ , say  $U_2=(CA_1)$ . Since  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are both completions of  $\alpha$ , consideration of  $U_1^{-1}U_2$  shows us that

$$(3) \quad C \equiv U_1 \begin{pmatrix} I^{(r)} & B \\ N & C_1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2^a},$$

where  $C_1$  and the  $r$ -rowed  $B$  are in  $G_2$ . Using (2) and (3) in  $C'SC \equiv T \pmod{2^a}$ , we find that  $B$  is null and that  $C_1'S_1C_1 \equiv T_1 \pmod{2^a}$ . Thus, we obtain each different solution  $X \pmod{2^a}$  exactly once by first determining all different solutions  $\chi \pmod{2^a}$  of (1), then finding a  $U_1$  as above for each such  $\chi$ , and finally determining for the corresponding  $S_1$  all different solutions of  $X'S_1X \equiv T_1 \pmod{2^a}$ . Thus

$$A_{2^a}(S, T) = \sum_{\alpha} A_{2^a}(S_1, T_1).$$

**3. Combinatorial calculation of  $A_2(S, T)$ .** We use canonical forms,

taken modulo 2, in the following cases:

*Case 1.* We assume  $T$  even and  $S$  odd. Here we clearly have no solution.

*Case 2.* We assume both  $S$  and  $T$  even.

2.1. For  $n=1$ ,  $A_2(S, T)=2^{m-1}$ .

*Proof.* We seek solutions  $\{x_i\}$  such that

$$(4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

Since a parity change in one  $x_i$  changes the parity of the sum, we see that  $A_2(S, T)$  is half of  $2^m$ .

2.2. For  $n=2$ ,  $A_2(S, T)=2^{m-1} \cdot 2^{m-2}$ , for even  $m$ .  
 $A_2(S, T)=(2^{m-1}-1) \cdot 2^{m-2}$ , for odd  $m$ .

*Proof.* We use Case 2.1 with the recursion formula. We wish to show that for every solution  $\alpha$  of (4), except one where  $m$  is odd and each component of  $\alpha$  is 1,  $A_2(S, T) > 0$ ; that is,  $S_1$  is even. Here we have the additional conditions:

$$(5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2},$$

$$(6) \quad \sum_{i=1}^m x_i y_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

But there is an obvious  $\{y_i\}$  satisfying (5) and (6) with any solution  $\{x_i\}$  of (4) which has a zero element; and clearly there is no such  $\{y_i\}$  if all the elements of  $\{x_i\}$  are 1. Hence, we have our result.

2.3. For general  $m$  and  $n$ , ( $n > 1$ ),

$$A_2(S, T) = F(m) \cdot F(m-1) \cdot \dots \cdot F(m-n+2) \cdot 2^{m-n},$$

where  $F(m)=2^{m-1}$  for even  $m$  and  $F(m)=2^{m-1}-1$  for odd  $m$ .

*Proof.* Now  $S_1$  depends only on  $\alpha$  and not on  $n$ , so that Case 2.2 tells us that  $S_1$  is even except when  $m$  is odd and each element of  $\alpha$  is 1. Then the above result follows easily from the recursion formula.

*Case 3.* We assume both  $S$  and  $T$  odd.

3.1. For  $n=2$ ,  $A_2(S, T)=(2^m-1) \cdot 2^{m-1}$ .

*Proof.* We want solutions,  $\{x_i\}$  and  $\{y_i\}$ , of

$$(7) \quad x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 + \dots + x_{m-1} y_m + x_m y_{m-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

Now  $\{x_i\}$  cannot be null if (7) is to hold; also there is an obvious  $\{y_i\}$  satisfying (7) for each non-null  $\{x_i\}$ . Let us fix a non-null  $\{x_i\}$  and call any  $\{y_i\}$  satisfying (7) with our fixed  $\{x_i\}$  a “solution”, otherwise a “non-solution”. Then, since, modulo 2, the sum of two “solutions” is a “non-solution” and the sum of a “solution” with a “non-solution” is a “solution”, we have our result.

3.2. For general  $m$  and  $n$ ,

$$A_2(S, T) = (2^m - 1) \cdot 2^{m-1} (2^{m-2} - 1) \cdot 2^{m-3} \dots (2^{m-n+2} - 1) \cdot 2^{m-n+1} .$$

*Proof.* Equivalent matrices in  $G_2$  have the same parity, which is clearly unchanged when the matrices are taken modulo 2. Thus, from (2), since  $S$  is odd, so is

$$S_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Hence  $S_1$  is odd, and our result follows.

Case 4 We assume that  $S$  is even and  $T$  odd.

4.1. For  $n=2$ ,  $A_2(S, T) = (2^{m-1} - 1)2^{m-2}$ , if  $m$  is odd.

$$A_2(S, T) = (2^{m-1} - 2)2^{m-2}, \text{ if } m \text{ is even.}$$

*Proof.* We want solutions  $\{x_i\}$  and  $\{y_i\}$ , of

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_i^2 \equiv 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2 \equiv 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m x_i y_i \equiv 1,$$

all taken modulo 2. Let us fix  $\{x_i\}$  satisfying the first of these and consider the  $2^{m-1}$  incongruent  $\{y_i\}$  which satisfy the second. Of these  $\{y_i\}$ , we call those satisfying the final congruence with our fixed  $\{x_i\}$  “solutions” and those not doing so “non-solutions”. By an argument similar to that used in Case 3.1, we see that exactly half the  $2^{m-1}$  choices of  $\{y_i\}$  are “solutions”, except when  $\{x_i\}$  is the null vector or, with  $m$  even,  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ . There is no “solution”  $\{y_i\}$  corresponding to either of these exceptional  $\{x_i\}$ .

4.2. For general  $m$  and  $n$ ,

$$A_2(S, T) = (2^{m-1} - p)2^{m-2} (2^{m-3} - p)2^{m-4} \dots (2^{m-n+1} - p)2^{m-n},$$

where  $p=1$  for odd  $m$  and  $p=2$  for even  $m$ .

*Proof.* Using (2) again, we observe that  $S_1$  is even. (See Case 3.2). Then the recursion formula implies our result.

4. Determination of  $A_8(S, T)$ . We will assume throughout the fol-

lowing cases that  $S$  and  $T$  are in appropriate canonical forms as given in § 2.

*Case 1.* We assume  $T$  is even.

Clearly,  $A_8(S, T)=0$  for  $S$  odd and  $T$  even; so we will also assume  $S$  is even.

1.1. Let  $n=1$ . Here  $T=(t)$ . For  $\omega$  a primitive 8th root of unity, we have

$$(8) \quad 8A_8(S, T) = \sum_{h, \alpha \pmod{8}} \omega^{\alpha} Y = h(a_1 s_1^2 + \dots + a_m s_m^2 - t),$$

where  $h$  and the elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$  of the vector  $a$  run through a complete residue system modulo 8, and where the diagonal elements of  $S$  are the odd  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m$ . Calling

$$\sum_{a \pmod{8}} \omega^{h a^2 s} = [hs],$$

we get

$$(9) \quad 8A_8(S, T) = \sum_{h=1}^7 [hs_1][hs_2] \dots [hs_m] \omega^{-ht} + 8^m.$$

We observe that  $[hs_i]=4\omega^{hs_i}$ , for odd  $h$ ;  $[hs_i]=0$ , for  $h \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ ;  $[hs_i]=4\sqrt{2}\omega$ , for  $hs_i \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ ; and  $[hs_i]=4\sqrt{2}\omega^7$ , for  $hs_i \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ .

Then, let us call  $u \equiv \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - t \pmod{8}$ , and define  $f(u)=1$  for  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ ,  $f(u)=-1$  for  $u \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ , and  $f(u)=0$  for  $u \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Also define

$$K \equiv (-1)^{(s_1-1)/2} + (-1)^{(s_2-1)/2} + \dots + (-1)^{(s_m-1)/2} - 2t \pmod{8}.$$

Then direct calculation gives from (9),

$$8A_8(S, T) = 8^m + 4^{m+1} f(u) + 2(4\sqrt{2})^m \cos \frac{K\pi}{4}.$$

1.2. Let  $n=2$ . We will (a) ascertain when  $S$  is even and (b) show that two even  $S_1$ 's corresponding to different solutions  $\alpha$  are equivalent in  $G_2$ . Then the result follows from the recursion formula.

(a) Let  $T=t_1+t_2$ . Since parity is the same modulo 2 or modulo 8, we see from § 3, Case 2.2, that of all solutions,  $\alpha$ , of  $\chi' S \chi \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$ , those and only those which reduce, modulo 2, to the vector  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  will yield odd  $S_1$ 's. For such an  $\alpha$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^2 s_i \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$  implies  $\sum_{i=1}^m s_i \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$ . But, equally well, if  $S$  and  $t_1$  are such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m s_i \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$ ,

then  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^2 s_i \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$  holds for arbitrary odd  $a_i$ . Thus, if  $\sum_{i=1}^m s_i \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$ , we get  $4^m$  number of  $\alpha$ 's, solutions of  $\alpha' S \alpha \equiv t_1 \pmod{8}$ , which yield odd  $S_1$ 's; otherwise, none.

(b) Now let  $\alpha$  be such that  $S_1$  is even. From [1], we see that two even matrices of odd determinant, which are congruent modulo 8, are in the same class in  $G_2$ . Thus, using (2), we obtain:

$$t_1 |S_1| \equiv |S| \pmod{8} \text{ and } \lambda(t_1 + S_1) = \lambda(S),$$

where  $\lambda(S)$  is the class invariant defined as 1 if  $4j$  or  $4j + 1$  of the diagonal elements of a diagonalized form of  $S$  are congruent to 3 modulo 4 and  $-1$  if  $4j + 2$  or  $4j + 3$  are congruent to 3 modulo 4. These two conditions determine uniquely, independently of  $\alpha$ , the class of  $S_1$  in  $G_2$ .

EXAMPLE. Let  $S$  be of type (1, 3, 3) as given in § 2,  $m > 3$ , and  $t_1 = 5$ . Then the determinantal relation gives an even  $S_1$  of type (1, 1, 5) or (1, 3, 7). But the  $\lambda$ -condition admits only the second of the two, so any even  $S_1$  is of type (1, 3, 7).

Thus we have

$$8^2 \cdot A_3(S, T) = (8^m + 4^{m+1} f(u_0) + 2(4\sqrt{2})^m \cos(K_0\pi/4) - 8 \cdot 4^m h(u_0)) \times (8^{m-1} + 4^m f(u_1) + 2(4\sqrt{2})^{m-1} \cos(K_1\pi/4)),$$

where  $u_0$  and  $K_0$  are arguments obtained from  $S$  and  $t_1$  as above;  $u_1$  and  $K_1$  are arguments similarly obtained from  $S_1$  and  $t_2$ ; and  $h(u_0)$  is defined as 1 if  $u_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$  and as 0 otherwise.

1.3. Let  $n \geq 2$ . Since the process of obtaining an  $S_1$  from a given pair,  $S$  and  $t_1$ , is the same for  $n=2$  and for  $n > 2$ , we may use 1.2 above to obtain

$$8^n A_n(S, T) = (8^{m-n+1} + 4^{m-n+2} f(u_{n-1}) + 2(4\sqrt{2})^{m-n+1} \cos(\pi K_{n-1}/4)) \times \prod_{j=m-n+2}^m (8^j + 4^{j+1} f(u_{m-j}) + 2(4\sqrt{2})^j \cos(\pi K_{m-j}/4) - 8 \cdot 4^j h(u_{m-j})),$$

where, for each  $i$ ,  $u_i$  and  $K_i$  come from  $S_i$  and  $t_{i+1}$ , as above.

(The process of finding successive  $S_i$  and  $t_i$ , and hence of successive  $K_i$ ,  $f(u_i)$ , and  $h(u_i)$ , is easy in practice, as evidenced by the example above. Explicit but complicated formulas could be given.)

Case 2. We assume  $S$  and  $T$  are both odd. We will first take  $n=2$ .

2.1. We suppose that

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} b & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $b=0$  or  $2$ . Then we seek solutions of:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= 2(x_1x_2 + x_3x_4 + \dots + x_{m-1}x_m) \equiv b \pmod{8} \\ G(y) &= 2(y_1y_2 + y_3y_4 + \dots + y_{m-1}y_m) \equiv b \pmod{8} \\ H(x, y) &= x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + x_3y_4 + x_4y_3 + \dots + x_{m-1}y_m + x_my_{m-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$8^3 A_8(S, T) = \sum_{\substack{h, k, l \\ \mathfrak{x}, \mathfrak{y}}} \omega^{(F-b)h + (G-b)k + (H-1)l},$$

where  $\omega = e^{\pi i/4}$ ; and  $h, k, l$ , and the components of the vectors  $\mathfrak{x}$  and  $\mathfrak{y}$  all run through complete residue systems modulo 8. Then, letting

$$(10) \quad R = \sum_{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \pmod{8}} \omega^{\mathfrak{E}XP}, \quad EXP = 2x_1x_2h + 2y_1y_2k + (x_1y_2 + x_2y_1),$$

we get

$$(11) \quad 8^3 A_8(S, T) = \sum_{h, k, l \pmod{8}} R^{m/2} \omega^{-l - bh - bk}.$$

We note that, for  $l$  odd, replacement of  $h$  by  $lh$ , of  $k$  by  $lk$ , of  $x_1$  by  $lx_1$ , and of  $y_1$  by  $ly_1$  in  $EXP$ , the displayed exponent of (10), shows that  $\sum_{h, k} R^{m/2}$  is independent of  $l$ . A similar argument works for  $l \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

For  $l \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ , we have

$$R = 2^{4+r(h)} \cdot 2^{4+r(k)},$$

where  $r(t) = 0$  if  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $r(t) = 1$  if  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $r(t) = 2$  if  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

For  $l = 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $h$  odd, we let  $z \equiv x_2h + 2y_2 \pmod{8}$ , and replace  $y_2$  by  $z$  as a variable in  $EXP$ . Then, summing first on  $x_1$ , we get

$$R = 2^{8+r(k)}.$$

For  $l \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $h = 2h_1$ , we let  $z \equiv x_2h_1 + y_2 \pmod{8}$  and again replace  $y_2$  by  $z$  as a variable in  $EXP$ . Summing first on  $x_1$  and  $z$ , we readily get

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 2^9, \text{ for } h_1k \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ R &= 2^{10}, \text{ for } h_1k \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ or for } h_1k \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \text{ and } k \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ R &= 2^{11}, \text{ for } h_1k \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \text{ and } k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Summing first on  $l$  in (11), we get by straightforward calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} A_8(S, T) &= 2^{5m-7}(2^m + 2^{m/2} - 2), & \text{for } b=0. \\ A_8(S, T) &= 2^{5m-7}(2^m - 3 \cdot 2^{m/2} + 2), & \text{for } b=2. \end{aligned}$$

2.2. We suppose that



$$T = \begin{pmatrix} b & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dot{+} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dot{+} \dots \dot{+} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dot{+} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Then, using the same  $R$  as before and letting

$$V = \sum_{x,y,u,v \pmod{8}} \omega^P ,$$

where  $P = 2(xy + x^2 + y^2)h + 2(uv + u^2 + v^2)k + (uy + vx + 2ux + 2vy)l$ , we get

$$(12) \quad 8^3 A_8(S, T) = \sum_{h,k,l \pmod{8}} R^{(m-2)/2} V \omega^{-l-bh-bk} .$$

To evaluate  $V$ , we use repeatedly:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{u \pmod{8}} \omega^{2au^2+au} &= 0, \text{ if } d \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \text{ or if } d \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ &= -4\omega^{2a} + 4, \text{ if } d \equiv 4 \pmod{8} \\ &= 4\omega^{2a} + 4, \text{ if } d \equiv 0 \pmod{8} . \end{aligned}$$

We obtain:

- (i) For  $l$  odd,  $V = 64$ .
- (ii)  $V$  is the same for  $l \equiv 2$  and  $l \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ .
- (iii) For  $l \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ ,  $V = g(h)g(k)$ , where we define  $g(t) = 64$  for  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $g(t) = 16$  for  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , and  $g(t) = -32$  for  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .
- (iv) For  $l \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ , we have:
  - (a) When  $h$  is odd,  $V = 16g(k)$ .
  - (b) When  $h$  or  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $V = 2^{10}$ .
  - (c) When  $h \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $V = -2^9$ , when  $k$  is odd, and  $V = -2^{11}$ , when  $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

We sum first on  $l$  in (12), using our results for  $R$  and considering only  $l \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} A_8(S, T) &= 2^4 (2 \cdot 2^{6(m-2)} - 2^{11(m-2)/2} - 2^{5(m-2)}) , & \text{for } b=0 . \\ A_8(S, T) &= 2^4 (2 \cdot 2^{6(m-2)} + 3 \cdot 2^{11(m-2)/2} + 2^{5(m-2)}) , & \text{for } b=2 . \end{aligned}$$

For  $n > 2$ , when  $S$  and  $T$  are odd, we will use our results for  $n = 2$ , along with the recursion formula. The successive canonical forms of  $T, T_1, \dots$  are clear; that is,  $T_1$  is obtained from  $T$  by removing the initial binary block, etc.  $T_1$  is thus odd and known. From

$$S_1 \dot{+} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv U_1 S U_1 \pmod{8} ,$$

we deduce  $-|S_i| \equiv |S| \pmod{8}$  and the oddness of  $S_i$ . Thus  $S_i$  is easily determined classwise uniquely. The same holds true, of course, for successive  $S_i$ .

*Case 3.* We assume  $S$  is even and  $T$  is odd. Considering first

$n=2$ , we let  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m$  be the diagonal elements in the canonical form of  $S$ , and let  $T$  be

$$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $b=0$  or  $2$ . Then we seek solutions of:

$$u = x_1^2 s_1 + x_2^2 s_2 + \dots + x_m^2 s_m \equiv b \pmod{8}$$

$$v = y_1^2 s_1 + y_2^2 s_2 + \dots + y_m^2 s_m \equiv b_m \pmod{8}$$

$$r = x_1 y_1 s_1 + x_2 y_2 s_2 + \dots + x_m y_m s_m \equiv 1 \pmod{8}.$$

Here

$$8^3 A_8(S, T) = \sum_{h, k, l, \mathfrak{f}} \omega^{h(u-b) + k(v-b) + l(r-1)}.$$

Let  $\omega^{s_i} = \omega_i$  and call

$$f_i(h, k, l) = \sum_{x, y \pmod{8}} \omega_i^{hx^2 + lxy + ky^2}.$$

Then

$$(13) \quad 8^3 A_8(S, T) = \sum_{h, k, l \pmod{8}} f_1 f_2 \dots f_n \omega^{-hb - kb - l}.$$

We calculate  $f_i$ , considering the value of  $l \pmod{8}$ , and note that as before we need consider only  $l \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . We get:

$h$	$k$	$l \pmod{8}$	$f_i$
odd	odd	0	$c = 16\omega_i^{h+k}$
		4	$-c = -16\omega_i^{h+k}$
odd	even	0	$d = 16\omega_i^{h+k} + 16\omega_i^h$
		4	$e = -16\omega_i^{h+k} + 16\omega_i^h$
even	even	0	$p = 16(\omega_i^{h+k} + \omega_i^h + \omega_i^k + 1)$
		4	$q = 16(-\omega_i^{h+k} + \omega_i^h + \omega_i^k + 1).$

Then from (13), we get

$$8^3 A_8(S, T) = 2 \sum_{\substack{h \text{ odd} \\ k \text{ even}}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^m d - \prod_{i=1}^m e \right) \omega^{-hb - kb} + (1 - (-1)^m) \left( \sum_{h, k \text{ odd}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^m c \right) \omega^{-hb - kb} \right) + \sum_{h, k \text{ even}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^m p - \prod_{i=1}^m q \right) \omega^{-hb - kb},$$

where all the sum indices are taken modulo 8. Replacement of  $k$  by  $k+4$  in the first summand merely changes the sign of the expression, so the first sum is zero. The second sum is easily seen to be  $16^{m+1} \cdot \alpha(1 - (-1)^m)$ , where  $\alpha=1$  if  $\sum s_i \equiv b \pmod{4}$  and  $\alpha=0$  otherwise.

We consider particular contributions to the third sum, using  $\omega_j^{2k} = i^{sj^k}$  and adjusting so that  $h$  and  $k$  run through a complete residue system modulo 4.

(a) For  $h \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and all  $k \pmod{4}$ , we have contributed  $-4\alpha(32)^m$ .

(b) For  $h \equiv k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , we get  $-(-32)^m$ .

(c) For  $h \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $k \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ , we obtain

$$16^m \cdot 2^{m+1} \cdot i^{-b}(2^{m/2} \cos(\pi B/4) - 1), \quad \text{where } B = \sum_{j=1}^m (i)^{sj^{-1}}.$$

(d) For  $h$  and  $k$  odd, with  $h \equiv k \pmod{4}$ , we get

$$16^m(-2^{m+1}2^{m/2} \cos(\pi B/4) + 2^{m+1} \cos(\pi B/2)).$$

(e) For  $h$  and  $k$  odd, with  $h \equiv -k \pmod{4}$ , we get  $2(32)^m$ .

(f) For  $h \equiv k \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , we have  $16^m(2^{2m} - 2^m)$ .

Thus, here

$$8^3 A_8(S, T) = 16^{m+1} \alpha(1 - (-1)^m) + 32^m(-8\alpha + (-1)^m + 4i^{-b}(2^{m/2} \cos(\pi B/4) - 1)) + 32^m(2 \cos(\pi B/2) - 2^{1+(m/2)} \cos(\pi B/4) + 2 + 2^m - 1).$$

For  $n > 2$ , where  $S$  is even and  $T$  odd, we use the recursion formula with the results for  $n=2$ . The successive diagonal forms of  $T$  are clear. From

$$(14) \quad S_1 \dot{+} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv U_1 S U_1 \pmod{8},$$

we see firstly that  $S_1$  is even and secondly, that its determinant is determined modulo 8. Again, using (14) and the remarks of § 4, 1.2 b, we see from the following transformations that the number of 3's, modulo 4, in a diagonal form of  $S_1$  is one less than the number of 3's modulo 4, in a diagonal form of  $S$ ; hence,  $\lambda(S_1)$  is known:

$$ax^2 + 2yz \rightarrow a(x+y)^2 + 2yz = ax^2 + ay^2 + 2y(ax+z) \rightarrow ax^2 + ay^2 + 2yz \equiv ax^2 + a(y+az)^2 - az^2 \rightarrow ax^2 + ay^2 - az^2,$$

where  $a$  is odd, the congruence is taken modulo 8, and  $\rightarrow$  indicates 2-adic equivalence. Thus  $S_1$  is classwise unique and easily determined.

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