# Class Polynomials for Non-holomorphic Modular Functions

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• Here are several examples:

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- We show that they cancel using the action of the Hecke algebra on Poincaré series.

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$$\mathfrak{Z}_D(f):=\sum_{m\geq 0}b(m)q^{-m}+\sum_{dD<0}\mathsf{Tr}^*_{d,D}(f)q^{|d|}.$$

# Duke and Jenkins' Theorem

#### Theorem (Duke-Jenkins)

Suppose that  $f \in M_k^!$ ,  $k \le 0$ . If  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$ , then  $\mathfrak{Z}(f)$  is a half-integral weight modular form with integral coefficients.

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• The Zagier lift is equivariant with the Hecke action:

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- Use induction to extend the corollary to linear combinations.

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$$p^{B(n,k)} \cdot S_f(n; d)$$
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