# Class Polynomials for Non-holomorphic Modular Functions 

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- They define the $D^{\text {th }}$ Zagier lift of $f$ :

$$
\mathfrak{Z}_{D}(f):=\sum_{m \geq 0} b(m) q^{-m}+\sum_{d D<0} \operatorname{Tr}_{d, D}^{*}(f) q^{|d|}
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## Duke and Jenkins' Theorem

Theorem (Duke-Jenkins)
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