## A REMARK ON NESTERENKO'S THEOREM FOR RAMANUJAN FUNCTIONS

Carsten Elsner, Shun Shimomura and Iekata Shiokawa

Ramanujan Journal 21, no. 2 (2010), 211-221

We study the algebraic independence of values of the Ramanujan q-series

$$A_{2j+1}(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2j+1} q^{2n} / (1 - q^{2n})$$

or  $S_{2j+1}(q)$   $(j \ge 0)$ . It is proved that, for any distinct positive integers *i*, *j* satisfying  $(i, j) \ne (1, 3)$  and for any  $q \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  with 0 < |q| < 1, the numbers  $A_1(q), A_{2i+1}(q), A_{2j+1}(q)$  are algebraically independent. Furthermore, the *q*-series  $A_{2i+1}(q)$  and  $A_{2j+1}(q)$  are algebraically dependent over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}(q)$  if and only if (i, j) = (1, 3).

MR 2000 Subject Classification: 11J85, 11J91 (Primary), 33E05 (Secondary)

Key words: Ramanujan q-series, algebraic independence, Jacobian elliptic functions