

# Petersson Inner Product of Binary Theta Series

A computational approach

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## Motivation : Stark's remark

In the last paragraph of his well-known article "*L-functions at  $s = 1$ . II. Artin L-functions with Rational Characters*", Stark makes the following remark :

*An application of Theorem 1 gives*

$$L'(0, \chi, H/\mathbb{Q}) = \log \epsilon,$$

*where  $\epsilon$  is the real root of*

$$x^3 - x - 1 = 0$$

*Actually, it is easier to note that  $L(1, \chi, H/\mathbb{Q})$  is the residue at  $s = 1$  of the zeta function of the real quadratic subfield of  $K$ . In any case,*

$$\langle f, f \rangle = 3 \log \epsilon.$$

## Mobius transformations

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the Poincaré upper-half plane. Recall that  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})_+$  acts on  $\mathcal{H}$  via Mobius transformations :

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}.$$

### Definition

Let  $N \geq 1$  and define the Hecke subgroup of level  $N$  as

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}.$$



# Level $N$ modular forms with characters

## Definition

Let  $N \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 0$  be integers and let  $\chi$  be a Dirichlet character mod  $N$ . A modular form of weight  $k$ , level  $N$  and character  $\chi$  is a holomorphic function

$$f : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

such that

$$f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right) = \chi(d)(cz+d)^k f(z)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{H}$  and all  $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$ , which satisfies certain growth conditions at the cusps. The  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector-space of such modular forms is denoted

$$M_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi).$$



## $q$ -expansion of modular forms

Every modular form  $f$  has a Taylor (or Fourier) expansion at infinity, called its  $q$ -expansion :

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n,$$

where  $q = \exp(2\pi iz)$ . If

$$a_0(f) = 0,$$

(at all cusps)  $f$  is called a *cusp form*. The space of cusp forms is denoted

$$S_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi).$$



## Example : weight $k$ Eisenstein series

Let  $k \geq 4$  be an even integer. Then the series

$$\sum_{m,n} \frac{1}{(mz + n)^k}$$

converges absolutely and defines a modular form in  $M_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ . After renormalization, the  $q$ -expansion of this Eisenstein series is

$$-\frac{B_k}{2k} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{k-1}(n) q^n := G_k(z),$$

where

$$\sigma_{k-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^{k-1}.$$



## Important non-example : weight 2 Eisenstein series

In level 1, there are no modular forms of weight 2. However, one can still define the weight 2 Eisenstein series as

$$G_2(z) = \frac{1}{8\pi\mathfrak{I}(z)} - \frac{1}{24} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^n.$$

It is an example of an *almost holomorphic* modular form of level 1 and weight 2.



# Finite dimensionality of spaces of modular forms

## Theorem

*The space  $M_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$  is finite dimensional as a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector-space.*

## Example

*In level  $N = 1$ , we have*

- $M_0(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}$ .
- $M_2(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = 0$ .
- $M_k(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}G_k$  for  $4 \leq k \leq 10$ .
- $M_{12}(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}G_{12} \oplus \mathbb{C}\Delta$ , where  $\Delta \in S_{12}(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ .
- $\bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}[G_4, G_6]$ .



## Petersson inner product

Let  $f, g \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$  be two cusp forms. The Petersson inner product of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{H}} f(x + iy) \overline{g(x + iy)} y^k d\mu,$$

where

$$d\mu = \frac{dx dy}{y^2}$$

is the  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant measure on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Note that the integral does not converge if neither  $f$  nor  $g$  is a cusp form.

# A half-integral weight theta series

Consider the function

$$\theta(z) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{x^2} = 1 + 2q + 2q^4 + O(q^5).$$

Then

$$\theta(\gamma z) = \epsilon(cz + d)^{1/2} \theta(z),$$

for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(4)$  and some  $\epsilon_{c,d} \in \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$ .



## Theta series attached to ideals

Let  $K$  be an imaginary quadratic field of discriminant  $D < -4$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be its ring of integers. Fix an integer  $\ell \geq 0$ . To each integral ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $K$ , one can attach the following theta series :

$$\theta_{\mathfrak{a}}^{(2\ell)}(z) = \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}(z) = \sum_{x \in \mathfrak{a}} x^{2\ell} q^{N(x)/N(\mathfrak{a})}.$$

# Basic properties of these theta series

1. We have

$$\theta_{\mathfrak{a}} = \sum_{x \in \mathfrak{a}} x^{2\ell} q^{N(x)/N(\mathfrak{a})} \in M_{2\ell+1}(\Gamma_0(|D|), \chi_D),$$

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# Theta series attached to Hecke characters of $K$

Let  $I_K$  denote the group of fractional ideals of  $K$ . A Hecke character  $\psi$  of  $K$  of infinity type  $2\ell$  (and conductor 1) is a homomorphism

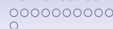
$$\psi : I_K \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$$

such that

$$\psi((\alpha)) = \alpha^{2\ell}, \quad \forall \alpha \in K^\times.$$

One can define

$$\theta_\psi = \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K} \psi(\mathfrak{a}) q^{N(\mathfrak{a})}.$$



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$$\theta_\psi = \frac{1}{w_K} \sum_{[\alpha] \in \text{Cl}_K} \psi^{-1}(\alpha) \theta_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_\alpha = \frac{w_K}{h_K} \sum_{\psi} \psi(\alpha) \theta_\psi.$$

## Stark's example

To obtain Stark's example, take

$$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$$

and let  $\psi$  be a non-trivial Hecke character of infinity type 0, i.e. a non-trivial character of the class group. Then

$$\text{Stark's } f = \text{our } \theta_\psi \in M_1(\Gamma_0(23), \chi_{-23}).$$

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## The case $\ell = 0$

### Theorem

Let  $\theta_\psi$  be a Hecke character of infinity type 0 and suppose that  $\psi^2 \neq 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle &= -h_K \sum_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in Cl_K} \psi^2(\mathfrak{a}) \log(\mathfrak{I}(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})^{1/2} |\eta(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})|^2) \\ &= h_K \log \prod_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in Cl_K} (\mathfrak{I}(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})^{1/2} |\eta(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})|^2)^{-\psi(\mathfrak{a})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$\tau_{\mathfrak{a}} = \omega_2 / \omega_1 \in \mathcal{H}$$

if  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}\omega_2 \subset \mathbb{C}$  is positively oriented ideal in  $K$  and

$$\eta(z) = \exp(2\pi i/24) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n).$$

## Petersson norm of the $\theta_\psi$ (with $\ell > 0$ )

### Theorem

Let  $\psi$  be a Hecke character of  $K$  of infinity type  $2\ell$ , where  $\ell > 0$ .  
Then

$$\langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle = h_K(|D|/4)^\ell \sum_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in Cl_K} \psi^2(\mathfrak{a}) \partial^{2\ell-1} G_2(\mathfrak{a}).$$

Here,

$$\partial f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} - \frac{k}{4\pi \Im(z)} f$$

is the Shimura-Mass differential operator, which preserves the graded algebra of almost holomorphic modular forms.



# Petersson inner product of the theta series $\theta_a$

## Theorem

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be ideals of  $K$  and suppose  $\ell > 0$ . Then

$$\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}} \rangle = C_K^{(2\ell)} N(\mathfrak{b})^{2\ell} \sum_{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}^{-1}\mathfrak{c}^2 = \lambda_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathcal{O}_K} \lambda_{\mathfrak{c}}^{2\ell} \partial^{2\ell-1} G_2(\mathfrak{c}),$$

where

$$C_K^{(2\ell)} = 4(|D|/4)^{\ell}.$$





## A few direct consequences of the formula

### Corollary

For  $\ell > 0$ ,

$$\langle \theta_a, \theta_b \rangle = 0$$

whenever  $a$  and  $b$  are not in the same genus (i.e. the classes of  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct in the genus group  $Cl_K/Cl_K^2$ ).

### Corollary

For  $\ell > 0$ ,

$$\langle \theta_{ac}, \theta_{bc} \rangle = N(bc)^{2\ell} \langle \theta_a, \theta_b \rangle.$$

## An arithmetic consequence

Let

$$\Omega_K = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi|D|}} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{|D|-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{j}{|D|}\right)^{\chi_D(j)} \right)^{w_K/4h_K}$$

be the Chowla-Selberg period attached to  $K$ .

### Corollary

For  $\ell > 0$ , the complex numbers

$$\frac{\langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle}{\Omega_K^{4\ell}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\langle \theta_a, \theta_b \rangle}{\Omega_K^{4\ell}}$$

are algebraic.



# Formally obtaining the case $\ell = 0$ from the case $\ell > 0$

Strictly speaking, the formula

$$\langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle = h_K(|D|/4)^\ell \sum_{[\alpha] \in \text{Cl}_K} \psi^2(\alpha) \partial^{2\ell-1} G_2(\alpha).$$

does not make sense for  $\ell = 0$ , since the expression

$$\partial^{-1} G_2$$

is not well-defined. However, we observe that

$$\partial_0 \log(\Im(z)^{1/2} |\eta(z)|^2) = -G_2(z),$$

so

$$"\partial^{-1} G_2(z) = -\log(\Im(z)^{1/2} |\eta(z)|^2)"$$

and we *formally* obtain the case  $\ell = 0$  from the case  $\ell > 0$ .

## Computing $\partial^n G_2$

To compute

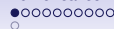
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we have the following formulas :

$$\partial G_2 = \frac{5}{6} G_4 - 2 G_2^2 \quad \partial G_4 = \frac{7}{10} G_6 - 8 G_2 G_4 \quad \partial G_6 = \frac{400}{7} G_4^2 - 12 G_2 G_6.$$

For example,

$$\partial^3 G_2 = -48 G_2^4 + 120 G_4 G_2^2 - 14 G_6 G_2 + 25 G_4^2.$$



## Class number 1 case

In this case,

$$\theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} = \theta_{\psi_0}$$

and we only need to compute

$$\langle \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle / \Omega_K^{4\ell} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

## Class number 1 case

Computation of  $\langle \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle / \Omega_K^{4\ell}$ :

		$\ell$	
		1	2
$D$	-7	$2^2 3$	$-2^2$
	-8	$-2$	$-2^2 5$
	-11	$-2^2$	$-2^3 5$
	-19	$-2^2 3^{-1} 13$	$-2^3 71$
	-43	$-2^3 3^{-1} 107$	$-2^4 5647$
	-67	$-2^2 3^{-1} 7^2 31$	$-2^3 5 \cdot 86629$
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$$x^3 - x - 1$$

and generates the Hilbert class field of  $K$ .

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In  $K$ , the prime 2 splits as

$$2\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{p}_2\bar{\mathfrak{p}}_2$$

and

$$\text{Cl}_K = \{1, [\mathfrak{p}_2], [\bar{\mathfrak{p}}_2]\}.$$

Moreover, we have  $\langle \theta_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}_2}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle = \overline{\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{p}_2}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle}$ , so we only care about

$$\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{p}_2}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle.$$





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Consider the algebraic number

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For  $\ell = 1, 2$  and 4, we find that  $a(\ell)^3$  is a root of a monic cubic polynomial and generates the Hilbert class field over  $K$ .

### Example

$a(1)$  is a root of the polynomial

$$x^9 - 2816x^6 - 905216x^3 - 89915392.$$

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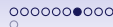
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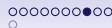
$$x^3 - 6740x^2 - 169034720x - 1027491892288.$$



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A few computations of the Gramm matrix for this basis.

$\ell$	$\det(\langle \theta_{a_i}^{(2\ell)}, \theta_{a_j}^{(2\ell)} \rangle)_{a_i, a_j \in \text{Cl}_K} / (\Omega_K^{4\ell})^3$
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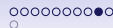
$$N(\psi, \ell) = \langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle / \Omega_K^{4\ell}$$

For  $\ell = 1, 2, 4$  and  $5$ , the numbers  $N(\psi_i, \ell)$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ , are distinct and their cube are the three real roots of a monic cubic polynomial.

### Example

*The numbers  $N(\psi_i, 1)^3$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ , are the three roots of the irreducible polynomial*

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For  $\ell = 3, 6$  and  $9$ , one of the characters, say  $\psi_0$ , the algebraic number  $N(\psi_0, \ell)$  is an *integer*. For the two others, we find that their cube are the roots of a monic quadratic polynomial.

## Example

*We have*

$$N(\psi_0, 3) = 5055 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 337$$

*and  $N(\psi_1, 3)^3$  and  $N(\psi_2, 3)^3$  are the roots of*

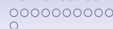
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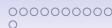
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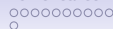
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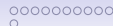
$$\partial^{2\ell-1} G_2(z) = (-4\pi)^{1-2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s + 2\ell + 1)}{\Gamma(s + 2)} G_{4\ell}(z, 1 - 2\ell).$$

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# Thank you !

**Presentation available at :** [https://github.com/  
NicolasSimard/Notes/tree/master/PANTS%20XXVI](https://github.com/NicolasSimard/Notes/tree/master/PANTS%20XXVI)

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