

Petersson Inner Product of Theta Series

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Conjecture (Stark (Idea))

In general, L -functions of Artin representations have a (relatively) explicit expression involving arithmetic invariants of the number fields involved.

An observation of Stark

Let $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$ and let H be its Hilbert class field. Let

$$\psi : \text{Gal}(H/K) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times = \text{GL}_1(\mathbb{C})$$

be a non-trivial one-dimensional Artin representation and let

$$\rho = \text{Ind}_K^{\mathbb{Q}} \psi : \text{Gal}(H/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$$

be the induced representation. Then one can consider the associated Artin L -function

$$L(\psi, s) = L(\rho, s).$$

An observation of Stark

On the one hand, in accordance with his conjecture (which was known in this case), Stark shows that

$$L(\rho, 1) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{23}} \log \varepsilon,$$

where ε is the real root of

$$x^3 - x - 1.$$

Note that ε generates H over K .

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On the other hand, by the Deligne-Serre theorem, one has

$$L(\rho, s) = L(\theta_\psi, s),$$

where

$$\theta_\psi(q) = \eta(q)\eta(23q) = q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)(1 - q^{23n}) \in M_1(\Gamma_0(23), \chi_{-23}).$$

Then Stark proves that

$$L(\rho, 1) = \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{23}} \langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle.$$

The main motivation

It follows that

$$\langle \theta_\psi, \theta_\psi \rangle = 3 \log \varepsilon.$$

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Notation

Throughout this presentation, let

- K be an imaginary quadratic field of discriminant D with Hilbert class field H ,
- h_K , w_K and Cl_K be the class number, root number and class group of K (respectively)
- ψ be a Hecke character of infinity type $(2\ell, 0)$ for some $\ell \geq 0$, i.e. a homomorphism

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

such that $\psi((\alpha)) = \alpha^{2\ell}$ for all $\alpha \in K^\times$

- and \mathfrak{a} , \mathfrak{b} and \mathfrak{c} be fractional ideals of K .

Theta series attached to K

Consider

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \theta_\psi(q) &= \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{O}_K} \psi(\mathfrak{a}) q^{N(\mathfrak{a})} \\ \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}(q) &= \sum_{x \in \mathfrak{a}} x^{2\ell} q^{N(x)/N(\mathfrak{a})} \end{aligned} \right\} \in M_{2\ell+1}(\Gamma_0(|D|), \chi_D).$$

Then

	θ_ψ	$\theta_{\mathfrak{a},\ell}$
$\ell > 0$	Newform	Cusp form
$\ell = 0$	$\psi^2 \neq 1$: Newform	Not a cusp form
	$\psi^2 = 1$: (genus) Eisenstein series	

Some examples to keep in mind

	θ_ψ	$\theta_{a,\ell}$
$\ell > 0$		
$\ell = 0$	$q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)(1 - q^{23n})$	$\theta_{\mathbb{Z}[i]}(q) = \sum_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{x^2+y^2}$

Recall that

$$q \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - q^n)(1 - q^{23n})$$

is the modular form in Stark's example.

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With minor effort, this formula can be used to compute the Petersson inner product numerically:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{H}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\infty} f(\tau) \bar{g}(\tau) y^{k-2} dy dx.$$

But this is very (very) slow and behaves badly as the level grows.

The quest for more efficient and useful formulas

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1. Apply Rankin-Selberg:

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3. When $\ell > 0$, express $L(\psi^2, 2\ell + 1)$ in terms of (derivatives of nearly holomorphic) Eisenstein series:

$$L(\psi^2, 2\ell+1) = \frac{4(2\pi)^{2\ell+1} \sqrt{|D|}^{2\ell-1}}{w_K \Gamma(2\ell+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{h_K} \psi^{-2}(\mathfrak{a}_j) N(\mathfrak{a}_j)^{4\ell} \delta^{2\ell-1} E_2(\bar{\mathfrak{a}}_j)$$

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Using the relation

$$\theta_{\mathfrak{a},\ell} = \frac{w_K}{h_K} \sum_{\psi} \psi(\mathfrak{a}) \theta_\psi$$

and the orthogonality of the newforms θ_ψ .

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Here

$$\Phi^{12}(\mathcal{A}) = N(\mathcal{A})^6 |\Delta(\mathcal{A})|,$$

where

$$\Delta(q) = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{24}.$$

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Bridging the gap between the "explicit" formulas and the algorithms

Here are some of the things one needs to do before implementing those formulas:

- Complete the L -functions $L(\mathrm{Sym}^2 \theta_\psi, s)$ and $L(\psi, s)$ and find all the information about their functional equation,
- Find a way to compute with Hecke characters,
- Find an *efficient* way to compute

$$\delta^n E_2(\mathfrak{a}),$$

- Choose the computer algebra system that allows you to do all this!

The most efficient formula for computations

Experimentally, one finds that the most efficient way to compute the Petersson inner product of theta series is to compute the q -expansion of $\delta^n E_2$ by hand:

$$\delta^n E_2(\tau) = (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{8\pi\Im(\tau)} - \frac{n+1}{24} \right) \frac{n!}{(4\pi\Im(\tau))^n} \\ + \sum_{m \geq 1} \sigma(m) \left(\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^{n-r} \binom{n}{r} \frac{(r+2)_{n-r}}{(4\pi\Im(\tau))^{n-r}} m^r \right) q^m.$$

The resulting algorithm

This leads to the following

Theorem (S.)

There exists a software package to compute the Petersson inner product of the theta series defined above with the following properties:

- *It is fast (relative to the definition),*
- *It supports arbitrary precision (no coefficients stored, no database involved),*
- *User friendly (easy to download, help functions, well commented source code),*

Proof.

See the calculations at the end of the thesis!



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where

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Question

Is κ_ψ a unit in H ?

Generalizing Stark's Observation

Proposition (S.)

Let ψ be a class character such that ψ^2 is a non-trivial character with rational real part (equivalently, the character of $\text{Ind}_K^{\mathbb{Q}} \psi$ is rational). Then κ_ψ is an algebraic integer which is a unit. Moreover, if ψ^2 is a non-trivial genus character corresponding to the factorisation $D = D_1 D_2$, with $D_1 > 0$ say, then

$$\kappa_\psi = \epsilon_{D_1}^{\frac{4h_{D_1}h_{D_2}}{w_K w_{D_2}}},$$

where ϵ_{D_1} is the fundamental unit of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_1})$, h_{D_j} is the class number of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_j})$ and w_{D_2} is the number of roots of unity in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_2})$.

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Some examples:

- $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$ ($h_K = 3$): κ_ψ is a unit and numerically, $\kappa_\psi = \varepsilon$,
- $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-39})$ ($h_K = 4$): $\kappa_\psi = \epsilon_{13}^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is a unit, but not in H ,
- $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-47})$ ($h_K = 5$): κ_ψ doesn't seem to be a unit for any ψ .

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Two objectives

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Two objectives for the *p*-adic interpolation

1. Show that the quantities $\langle \theta_{a,\ell}, \theta_{b,\ell} \rangle$ can be *p*-adically interpolated for $\ell > 0$ (under certain restrictions),
2. Evaluate the *p*-adic analytic function obtained at $\ell = 0$.

p -adic interpolation of Petersson inner product of theta series: setup

Suppose that D is prime and let $p > 3$ be a prime $\neq 2, 3$ which splits in K , say $p\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$.

Let \mathfrak{a} and \mathfrak{b} be two fractional ideals of K which are such that

$$\mathfrak{a}\bar{\mathfrak{b}}\mathfrak{c}^2 = \mathcal{O}_K$$

and fix an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^{-n}\mathfrak{c}/\mathfrak{c}.$$

Let also

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{cont}}(\mathbb{Z}_p^\times, \mathbb{Z}_p^\times)$$

denote the p -adic weight space.

p -adic interpolation of Petersson inner product of theta series: result

With the notation above, one has the following

Theorem (S.)

There exists a p -adic analytic function

$$F : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_p$$

with the property that

$$F(\ell) = (\mathrm{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1} - p^{2\ell-1})(\mathrm{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1} - p^{2\ell}) \left(\frac{\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a},\ell}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b},\ell} \rangle}{((2\pi i)^{-1} \Omega_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathfrak{c}))^{4\ell}} \right) \quad \text{for all } \ell$$

where $\mathrm{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}} = \left(\frac{H/K}{\mathfrak{p}} \right)$ is the Artin symbol.

Evaluation of F at $\ell = 0$

Let

$$g_0(q) = \frac{\Delta(q)}{\Delta(q^p)}$$

and let

$$g_0^{(p)}(q) = \frac{g_0(q^p)}{g_0^p(q)} = \frac{\Delta^{p+1}(q^p)}{\Delta^p(q)\Delta(q^{p^2})}.$$

Then $\log_p g_0^{(p)}$ is a p -adic modular form and one has the following

Theorem (S. (loose form))

The following equality holds in \mathbb{C}_p :

$$F(0) = -\frac{1}{6p} \log_p g_0^{(p)}(\mathfrak{c}).$$

Interpretation of the above theorem (in the current setup)

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On the other had, a *formal* computation gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(0) &= -\frac{1}{6p} \log_p \frac{\Delta^{p+1}(q^p)}{\Delta^p(q) \Delta(q^{p^2})} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6} (\text{Frob}_p^{-1} - p^{-1}) (\text{Frob}_p^{-1} - 1) \log_p \Delta(\mathfrak{c})
 \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition

Let $\{\mathfrak{a}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{a}_{h_K}\}$ be a set of representatives of Cl_K and let $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{h_K}\}$ be the Hecke characters of K of infinity type $(2\ell, 0)$. Then

$$\text{Gram}(\theta_{\mathfrak{a}_1, \ell}, \dots, \theta_{\mathfrak{a}_{h_K}, \ell}) = \left(\frac{w_K^2}{h_K} \right)^{h_K} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{h_K} N(\mathfrak{a}_i) \right) \text{Gram}(\theta_{\psi_1}, \dots, \theta_{\psi_{h_K}}).$$

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Numerically, it appears that

$$A(K, \ell) = \prod_{\psi} N(\psi) = \frac{\text{Gram}(\theta_{\psi_1}, \dots, \theta_{\psi_{h_K}})}{\Omega_K^{4h_K \ell}}$$

is integral (except in some cases when $\ell = 1$):

D	$\ell = 1$	$\ell = 2$	$\ell = 3$	$\ell = 4$
-7	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	17	1337
-8	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	92	1448
-11	1	10	139	16000
-15	4	6084	2528100	5222952900
-19	$\frac{13}{3}$	142	9251	944192
-20	64	21904	189337600	2907434214400
-23	621	7303581	1571089526325	1233974294487401229

A basis of normalized theta series

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