# Petersson Inner Product of Binary Theta Series

A computational approach

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### Motivation: Stark's remark

In "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 H. In any case,

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



### Level N modular forms with characters

#### Definition

Let  $N \ge 1$  and  $k \ge 0$  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

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

which satisfies certain growth conditions at the cusps.



## q-expansion of modular forms

Every modular form f has a Taylor (or Fourier) expansion

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

where  $q = exp(2\pi iz)$ . We call it the *q*-expansion of *f*. If

$$a_0(f) = 0,$$

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

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

while the space of cusp forms is denoted

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



# Example : weight k Eisenstein series

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- $M_0(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}$ .
- $M_2(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = 0$ .
- $M_k(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}G_k \text{ for } 4 \le k \le 10.$
- $M_{12}(SL_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{C}G_{12} \oplus \mathbb{C}\Delta$ , 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

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

where

$$d\mu = \frac{dxdy}{y^2}$$

is the  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant measure on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Note that the integral does not converge if both f and g are not cusp forms.

# 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

$$\theta\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right)=\epsilon(cz+d)^{1/2}\theta(z),$$

whenever 4|c, where  $\epsilon_{c,d} \in \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$ .

### 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 :

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

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$$\theta_{\mathfrak{a}} = \sum_{x \in \mathfrak{a}} x^{2\ell} q^{N(x)/N(\mathfrak{a})} \in \textit{M}_{2\ell+1}(\Gamma_{0}(|D|), \chi_{D}),$$

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### Theta series attached to Hecke characters of *K*

Let  $I_K$  denote the group of fractional ideals of K.

#### Definition

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 defines

$$\theta_{\psi} = \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}_{K}} \psi(\mathfrak{a}) \textit{q}^{\textit{N}(\mathfrak{a})}.$$

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$$\theta_{\psi} = \frac{1}{\textit{w}_{\textit{K}}} \sum_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in \mathsf{Cl}_{\textit{K}}} \psi^{-1}(\mathfrak{a}) \theta_{\mathfrak{a}} \quad \text{ and } \quad \theta_{\mathfrak{a}} = \frac{\textit{w}_{\textit{K}}}{\textit{h}_{\textit{K}}} \sum_{\psi} \psi(\mathfrak{a}) \theta_{\psi}.$$

# Stark's example

Let

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

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

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

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Keeping Stark's example in mind, we have the following questions:

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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

$$\begin{split} \langle \theta_{\psi}, \theta_{\psi} \rangle &= -h_{K} \sum_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in \mathit{Cl}_{K}} \psi^{2}(\mathfrak{a}) \log (\mathfrak{I}(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})^{1/2} |\eta(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})|^{2}) \\ &= h_{K} \log \prod_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in \mathit{Cl}_{K}} (\mathfrak{I}(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})^{1/2} |\eta(\tau_{\mathfrak{a}})|^{2})^{-\psi(\mathfrak{a})^{2}}. \end{split}$$

Here,

$$\tau_n = \omega_2/\omega_1 \in \mathcal{H}$$

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

$$\langle \theta_{\psi}, \theta_{\psi} \rangle = \textit{h}_{\textit{K}}(|\textit{D}|/4)^{\ell} \sum_{[\mathfrak{a}] \in \textit{CI}_{\textit{K}}} \psi^{2}(\mathfrak{a}) \eth^{2\ell-1} \textit{G}_{2}(\mathfrak{a}).$$

Here,

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

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

# Petersson inner product of the theta series $\theta_{\mathfrak{a}}$

### Corollary

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

$$\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}} \rangle = \textit{C}_{\textit{K}}^{(2\ell)} \textit{N}(\mathfrak{b})^{2\ell} \sum_{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}^{-1}\mathfrak{c}^2 = \lambda_{\mathfrak{c}}\mathcal{O}_{\textit{K}}} \lambda_{\mathfrak{c}}^{2\ell} \eth^{2\ell-1} \textit{G}_{2}(\mathfrak{c}),$$

where

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

# A few direct consequences of the formula

### Corollary

For  $\ell > 0$ ,

$$\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}} \rangle = 0$$

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

### Corollary

For  $\ell > 0$ .

$$\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{c}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c}} \rangle = N(\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c})^{2\ell} \langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}} \rangle.$$

# An arithmetic consequence

Let

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{K}} = rac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi |D|}} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{|D|-1} \Gamma\left(rac{j}{|D|}
ight)^{\chi_D(j)} 
ight)^{w_{\mathcal{K}}/4h_{k}}$$

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

### Corollary

For  $\ell > 0$ , the complex numbers

$$\frac{\langle \theta_{\psi}, \theta_{\psi} \rangle}{\Omega_{\kappa}^{4\ell}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}} \rangle}{\Omega_{\kappa}^{4\ell}}$$

are algebraic.

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

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

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 ∂<sup>n</sup>G<sub>2</sub>

To compute

$$\partial^n G_2$$

we have the following formulas:

$$\partial G_2 = \frac{5}{6}G_4 - 2G_2^2 \quad \partial G_4 = \frac{7}{10}G_6 - 8G_2G_4 \quad \partial G_6 = \frac{400}{7}G_4^2 - 12G_2G_6.$$

For example,

$$\partial^3 G_2 = -48G_2^4 + 120G_4G_2^2 - 14G_6G_2 + 25G_4^2.$$

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is the real root of

$$x^3 - x - 1$$

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

$$Cl_{\mathcal{K}} = \{1, [\mathfrak{p}_2], [\bar{\mathfrak{p}}_2]\}.$$

Moreover, we have  $\langle \theta_{\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}_2}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle = \overline{\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{p}_2}, \theta_{\mathcal{O}_K} \rangle}$ . We will focus on

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

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### Example

a(1) is a root of the polynomial

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a(3) is a root of

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

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#### A few computations of the Gramm matrix for this basis.

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l	$det(\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}_i}^{(2\ell)}, \theta_{\mathfrak{a}_j}^{(2\ell)} \rangle)_{\mathfrak{a}_i, \mathfrak{a}_j \in Cl_{\mathcal{K}}} / (\Omega_{\mathcal{K}}^{4\ell})^3$
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For  $\ell=1,2,4$  and 5, the numbers  $N(\psi_i,\ell)$ , for  $0 \le i \le 2$ , are distinct and their cube are the three real roots of a monic cubic polynomial.

### Example

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

$$x^3 - 6966x^2 + 11569230x - 239483061$$
.

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### 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

 $x^2 - 16287872873193x + 30021979248651078296845875$ .

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### Class number 1 case

In this case,

$$\theta_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{K}}} = \theta_{\psi_0}$$

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

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	-8	-2	$-2^{2}5$	
	-11	$-2^{2}$	$-2^{3}5$	
	-19	$-2^23^{-1}13$	-2 <sup>3</sup> 71	
	-43	$-2^33^{-1}107$	-2 <sup>4</sup> 5647	
	-67	$-2^23^{-1}7^231$	$-2^35 \cdot 86629$	
	-163	$-2^33^{-1}150473$	-2 <sup>4</sup> 11 · 461681471	

# Example of computation for $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$ : $N(\psi_0, 3)$

1. Use Rankin-Selberg to prove that

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4. Find  $\langle \theta_{\mathfrak{a}}, \theta_{\mathfrak{b}} \rangle$  using  $\langle \theta_{\psi}, \theta_{\psi} \rangle$ .



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## Thank you!

Presentation available at: https://github.com/
NicolasSimard/Notes/tree/master/PANTS%20XXVI

Code available at :

https://github.com/NicolasSimard/ENT

Notes available at :https://github.com/

NicolasSimard/Notes/tree/master/Theta%20Norm