# HERMITIAN MODULAR FORMS FOR FIELDS OF LOW DISCRIMINANT

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## Chapter 1

#### Introduction

We develop an algorithm to compute Fourier expansions of Hermitian modular forms of degree 2 over  $\operatorname{Sp}_2(\mathcal{O})$  for  $\mathcal{O}\subseteq\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-\Delta})$ ,  $\Delta\in\{3,4,8\}$ .

In [PY07], spaces of Siegel modular cusp forms are calculated.

A similar algorithm is also [Rau12, Algorithm 4.3] for Jacobi forms.

We are doing the same for Hermitian modular forms.

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#### **Chapter 2**

#### **Preliminaries**

 $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set  $\{1,2,3,\ldots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}_0=\mathbb{N}\cup\{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  are all **integers**.  $\mathbb{Q}$  are all the **rational numbers**,  $\mathbb{R}$  are the **real numbers** and  $\mathbb{C}$  are the **complex numbers**.  $\mathbb{R}^+:=\{x\in\mathbb{R}\mid x>0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^\times$  and  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  denotes all non-zero numbers.

Let  $\operatorname{Mat}_n(R)$  be the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices over some commutative ring R. Likewise,  $\operatorname{Mat}_n^T(R)$  are the **symmetric**  $n \times n$  matrices.  $X^T$  is the **transposed** matrix of  $X \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(R)$ .  $\overline{Z}$  is the **conjugated** matrix of  $Z \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$ . A matrix  $Y \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$  is greater 0 if and only if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\} : Y[x] := \overline{x}^T Y x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Such symmetric matrices are called the **positive definitive matrices**, defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_n(R) = \{ X \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(R) \mid X > 0 \}.$$

For  $A, X \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$ , we define  $A[X] := \overline{X}^T A X$ . The **denominator** of a matrix  $Z \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{Q})$  is the smallest number  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $xZ \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ .

The **general linear group** is defined by

$$\operatorname{GL}_n(R) = \{ X \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(R) \mid \det(X) \text{ is a unit in } R \}$$

and the special linear group by

$$\operatorname{SL}_n(R) = \{ X \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(R) \mid \det(X) = 1 \}.$$

The **orthogonal group** is defined by

$$O_n(R) = \{ X \in GL_n(R) \mid X^T 1_n X = 1_n \}.$$

For  $R \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\overline{R} \subseteq R$ , the set of **Hermitian matrices** in R is defined as

$$\operatorname{Her}_n(R) = \left\{ Z \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(R) \mid \overline{Z}^T = Z \right\}.$$

The **symplectic group** is defined by

$$\operatorname{Sp}_n(R) = \left\{ X \in \operatorname{GL}_{2n}(R) \mid \overline{X}^T J_n X = J_n \right\} \subseteq \operatorname{Mat}_{2n}(R)$$

where  $J_n := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_n \\ -1_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in SL_{2n}(R)$ .  $Sp_n(R)$  is also called the **unitary group**. Note that [Der01] uses  $U_n(R) = Sp_n(R)$ .

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For  $Z \in \mathrm{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$ , we call

$$\Re(Z) = \frac{1}{2} \left( Z + \overline{Z}^T \right) \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

the real part and

$$\Im(Z) = \frac{1}{2i} \left( Z - \overline{Z}^T \right) \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

the **imaginary** part of Z and we have  $Z = \Re(Z) + i\Im(Z)$ . Note that we usually have  $\Re(Z), \Im(Z) \not\in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  but we have  $\Re(Z), \Im(Z) \in \operatorname{Her}_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

We say that some function  $f: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  with  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \operatorname{Mat}_n(R)$ ,  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq R$  is k-invariant under some  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \operatorname{Mat}_n(R)$  where  $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{X}] \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $\det(U)^k f(T[U]) = f(T)$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{X}$ .

#### 2.1 Siegel modular forms

Let  $\mathcal{H}_n := \{Z \in \operatorname{Mat}_n^T(\mathbb{C}) \mid \Im(Z) > 0\}$  be the **Siegel upper half space**. Thus,  $\mathcal{H}_1$  is the **Poincaré upper half plane**. We call  $\operatorname{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  the **Siegel modular group**.

A **Siegel modular cusp form** of degree  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for some  $\Gamma \subseteq \operatorname{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\Gamma$  subgroup of  $\operatorname{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , is a holomorphic function

$$f\colon \mathcal{H}_n \to \mathbb{C}$$

with

(1) 
$$f|_k y = f \ \forall \ y \in \Gamma$$

(2) for 
$$n = 1$$
:  $f(Z) = O(1)$  for  $Z \to i\infty$ 

where

$$\left(f|_k \left(\begin{array}{cc} A & B \\ C & D \end{array}\right)\right)(Z) = f((AZ+B)(CZ+D)^{-1}) \cdot \det(CZ+D)^{-k}$$

with  $Z \in \mathcal{H}_n$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ .

 $\mathcal{M}_k^{\mathcal{H}_n}(\Gamma)$  denotes the vector space of such Siegel modular cusp forms.

#### 2.2 Elliptic modular forms

We define

$$\Gamma_0(l) := \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} A & B \\ C & D \end{array} \right) \in \operatorname{Sp}_1(\mathbb{Z}) \,\middle|\, C \equiv 0 \pmod{l} \right\} \subseteq \operatorname{Sp}_1(\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq \operatorname{Mat}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

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as a subgroup of  $\mathrm{Sp}_1(\mathbb{Z})$ .

**Elliptic modular forms** are Siegel modular cusp forms of degree 1 with weight  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  over  $\Gamma_0(l)$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ .

 $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma)$  denotes the vector space of such Elliptic modular forms with weight  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(l)$ . Thus we have  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma) = \mathcal{M}_k^{\mathcal{H}_1}(\Gamma)$ .

#### 2.3 Hermitian modular forms

Let  $\mathbb{H}_n := \{Z \in \operatorname{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid \Im(Z) > 0\}$  be the **Hermitian upper half space**. Note that these matrices are not symmetric as the Siegel upper half space  $\mathcal{H}_n$  but we have  $\mathcal{H}_n \subseteq \mathbb{H}_n$  and  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathbb{H}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ .

Let  $\Delta \in \mathbb{N}$  so that we have the imaginary quadratic number field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-\Delta})$  where  $-\Delta$  is the fundamental discriminant. Then, let  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-\Delta})$  be the maximum order. We call  $\operatorname{Sp}_n(\mathcal{O})$  the **Hermitian modular group**. Let  $\Gamma$  be a subgroup of  $\operatorname{Sp}_n(\mathcal{O})$ . Let  $\nu \colon \Gamma \to \mathbb{C}^\times$  be an abel character of  $\operatorname{Sp}_n(\mathcal{O})$ .

A **Hermitian modular form** of degree  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with weight  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  over  $\Gamma$  and  $\nu$  is a holomorphic function

$$f: \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{C}$$

with

- (1)  $f(M \cdot Z) = \nu(M) \det(CZ + D)^k f(Z), \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma, Z \in \mathbb{H}_n,$
- (2) for n = 1: f is holomorphic in all cusps.

 $\mathcal{M}_k^{\mathbb{H}_n}(\Gamma, \nu)$  denotes the vector space of such Hermitian modular forms.

In this work, we will concentrate on Hermitian modular forms of degree 2. We will start with  $\Delta \in \{3,4,8\}$ .

Because  $-\Delta$  is fundamental, we have two possible cases:

- 1.  $\Delta \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $\Delta$  is square-free, or
- 2.  $\Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\Delta/4 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $\Delta/4$  is square-free.

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And for the maximum order  $\mathcal{O}$ , we have (compare [Der01])

$$\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \frac{-\Delta + i\sqrt{\Delta}}{2},$$
 
$$\mathcal{O}^{\#} = \mathbb{Z} \frac{i}{\sqrt{\Delta}} + \mathbb{Z} \frac{1 + i\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}.$$

From now on, we will always work with Hermitian modular forms of degree 2, i.e. we will always have n=2, except if otherwise stated.

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## **Chapter 3**

#### Theory

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $f: \mathbb{H}_2 \to \mathbb{C}$  be a Hermitian modular form of weight k. Let  $S \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Then,  $f(S\tau): \mathbb{H}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  is an Elliptic modular form of weight 2k to  $\Gamma_0(l)$ , where l is the denominator of  $S^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Prop 7.3. von Poor für herm Modulformen.  $\Gamma(\mathcal{L}) \supseteq \Gamma_0(l)$  for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+, ls^{-1} \in \mathcal{P}_n(\mathcal{O})$ .

We want to calculate a generating set for the Fourier expansions of Hermitian modular forms. Now we will formulate the main algorithm of our work.

**Algorithm 3.3.** We have the Hermitian modular form degree n=2 fixed, as well as some  $\Delta$  (for now,  $\Delta \in \{3,4,8\}$ ). Then we select some form weight  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  ( $k \in \{1,\ldots,20\}$  or so), let  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-\Delta})$  be the maximum order and some subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $\mathrm{Sp}_2(\mathcal{O})$ . Then we select an abel character  $\nu \colon \Gamma \to \mathbb{C}^\times$  of  $\mathrm{Sp}_2(\mathcal{O})$ .

We define the index set

$$\Lambda := \left\{ 0 \le \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \overline{b} & c \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{Mat}_2(\mathcal{O}^{\#}) \, \middle| \, a, c \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

Fix  $B \in \mathbb{N}$  as a limit. Select a precision

$$\mathcal{F} := \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ \overline{b} & c \end{array} \right) \in \Lambda \, \middle| \, 0 \leq a, c < B \right\} \subseteq \Lambda.$$

- 1. We start with l = 1 and increase it but only use the square-free numbers.
- 2. Set  $S = \{\},$
- 3. Enumerate matrices  $S \in \operatorname{Mat}_2^T(\mathbb{Z})$ , and set  $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{S} \cup \{S\}$  and for each time you add a new matrix perform the following steps.

4. We set

$$\mathcal{M}^H_{k,\mathcal{S},\mathcal{F}} := \left\{ (a[S])_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \ \middle| \ a \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}} \text{ is } \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}) \text{ invariant} \right\} \subseteq \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}(S)},$$

where

$$a[S] := \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Q}, n \mapsto \sum_{T \in \Lambda, \operatorname{tr}(ST) = n} a(T),$$

The elements  $a \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}}$  are Fourier expansions of Elliptic modular forms ( $\mathbb{H}_1 \to \mathbb{C}$ ) and  $a(T) \in \mathbb{Q}$  for  $T \in \mathcal{F} \subseteq \operatorname{Mat}_2(\mathcal{O}^{\#})$  are the Fourier coefficients. Recall that a being invariant under  $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathcal{O})$  means that we have

$$\det(U)^k a(T[U]) = a(T) \ \forall \ U \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}).$$

With  $[a,b,c] \in \mathcal{F}$ , we have  $0 \le a,c < B$ , thus there are only a finite number of possibilities. Because  $0 \le [a,b,c]$ , we get  $ac-|b|^2 \ge 0$  and thus b is also always limited. Thus,  $\mathcal{F}$  is finite but it might be huge for even small B. Restricting the elements in  $\mathcal{F}$  by the  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O})$ -invariation makes the set  $\{x \in \mathcal{F} \mid x \text{ is } \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}) \text{ invariant}\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  much smaller and better to handle in computer calculations. We use this set to identify a base of the finite dimension vector space  $\{x \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}} \mid x \text{ is } \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}) \text{ invariant}\}$ .

We identify

$$\bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}(S)} = \mathbb{Q}^N, \ \ N = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{F}(S).$$

For a given  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  and limit  $B \in \mathbb{N}$  which restricts  $\mathcal{F} \subset \Lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(S) \in \mathbb{N}_0$  is the limit such that for any  $T \in \Lambda - \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\operatorname{tr}(ST) \geq \mathcal{F}(S)$ . Thus, for calculating the Fourier coefficients  $T \in \Lambda$  with  $\operatorname{tr}(ST) \in \{0, \dots, \mathcal{F}(S) - 1\}$ , it is sufficient to enumerate the  $T \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Let S = [s, t, u] and T = [a, b, c]. Recall that  $S \in \operatorname{Mat}_2^T(\mathbb{Z})$ . Then we have

$$\operatorname{tr}(ST) = as + \overline{t}b + t\overline{b} + cu = as + cu + 2t\Re(b).$$

Because  $T \geq 0$ , we have  $ac \geq |b|^2$  and thus  $\Re(b) \leq \sqrt{ac} \leq \max(a,c)$ . Thus,  $2t\Re(b) \geq -2|t|\max(a,c)$ . We also have  $as + cu \geq \max(a,c)(s+u)$ . Assuming  $T \in \Lambda - \mathcal{F}$ , we have  $\max(a,c) \geq B$ . For such T, we get

$$\operatorname{tr}(ST) \ge B(s + u - 2|t|).$$

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Given S > 0, we have  $su > t^2$ . Then we have

$$s + u - 2|t| > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow su + u^{2} - 2|t|u > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t^{2} + u^{2} - 2|t|u) + (su - t^{2}) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (|t| - u)^{2} + (su - t^{2}) > 0.$$

All inequalities were sharp estimations, thus we get

$$\mathcal{F}(S) = B(s + u - 2|t|).$$

We want to calculate the matrix of the linear function

$$\left\{x\in\mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}}\ \middle|\ x \text{ is } \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}) \text{ invariant}\right\} \to \bigoplus_{S\in\mathcal{S}} \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{F}(S)}, \ \ a\mapsto (a[S])_{S\in\mathcal{S}}.$$

The base of the destination room is canonical. The dimension is N. The base of the source room can be identified by  $\{x \in \mathcal{F} \mid x \text{ is } \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}) \text{ invariant}\}.$ 

And we set

$$\mathcal{M}_{k,\mathcal{S},\mathcal{F}} := \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{F} \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{F}(S)}(\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(l_S)))$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(l_S))$  is the vectorspace of Elliptic modular forms over  $\Gamma_0(l_S)$ .

5. If

$$\dim \mathcal{M}_{k,\mathcal{S},\mathcal{F}}^H \cap \mathcal{M}_{k,\mathcal{S},\mathcal{F}} = \dim \mathcal{M}_k^{\mathbb{H}_2}(\Gamma,\nu),$$

then we are ready and we can reconstruct the Fourier expansion in the following way:

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If not, then return to step 3, and enlarge  $\mathcal{S}$ .

# **Chapter 4**

# Implementation

In this chapter, we are describing the implementation.

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