

## On Galois representations associated to Hilbert modular forms

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### Introduction

Let  $F$  be a totally real number field and let  $I$  denote the set of embeddings  $\tau: F \hookrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $k = (k_\tau) \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}^I$  and suppose all the  $k_\tau$  have the same parity. Then there is a notion of Hilbert cusp form of weight  $k$  and level  $n$  (an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$ ). There are also certain Hecke operators  $T_q$  for  $q$  a prime of  $F$  and  $S_a$  for  $a$  an ideal of  $F$  prime to  $n$ . We give precise definitions at the start of section one. Suppose that  $f$  is such a form and that  $f|T = \theta(T)f$  for  $T$  any of the above Hecke operators. Then it is known that the field  $L_f$  generated over  $\mathbf{Q}$  by the  $\theta(T)$  is a number field. We shall denote its ring of integers by  $\mathcal{O}_f$ . The following conjecture is familiar:

**Conjecture 1.** *Let  $f$  be as described above and let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime of  $\mathcal{O}_f$  (above a rational prime  $p$ ), then there is a continuous representation:*

$$\rho: \text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{f,\mathfrak{p}})$$

*which is unramified outside  $np$  and such that if  $q$  is a prime of  $F$  not dividing  $np$  then:*

$$\text{tr } \rho(\text{Frob } q) = \theta(T_q),$$

$$\det \rho(\text{Frob } q) = \theta(S_q) N q.$$

In the case that each  $k_\tau \geq 2$  the conjecture has been proved whenever:

1.  $[F:\mathbf{Q}]$  odd.
2.  $[F:\mathbf{Q}]$  even and  $f$  corresponding to an automorphic representation  $\pi_f = \bigotimes \pi_{f,v}$  such that for some finite place  $v$ ,  $\pi_{f,v}$  is special or supercuspidal.
3.  $p$  is an ordinary prime for  $f$  (i.e.  $p$  is prime to  $\theta(T_q)$  for each prime  $q$  of  $F$  above  $p$ ).

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Cases 1 and 2 were established in successively greater generality by Eichler, Shimura, Deligne, Ohta and Rogawski and Tunnell. Case 3 was established by Wiles by different methods, working from the results for cases 1 and 2. Although for a given eigenform  $f$ , infinitely many primes  $p$  seem to be ordinary for  $f$ , one can not at present show that a general  $f$  will be ordinary at any prime  $p$ . The purpose of this article is to prove the conjecture in the case of  $[F:\mathbf{Q}]$  even and each  $k_\tau \geq 2$ .

The conjecture can be strengthened to describe the restriction of  $\rho$  to the decomposition group  $D_q$  for  $q|n$  but  $q \nmid p$ . In the Cases 1, 2 and 3 above such a result has been proved by Deligne, Langlands, Carayol and Wiles. We shall prove such a strengthened result in the cases we treat. In fact our main theorem will be:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $[F:\mathbf{Q}]$  be even,  $f$  as described above and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime of  $\mathcal{O}_f$  (lying above a rational prime  $p$ ) then there is a continuous representation:*

$$\rho: \text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{f,\mathfrak{p}})$$

which is unramified outside  $np$  and such that if  $q$  is a prime of  $F$  not dividing  $np$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr } \rho(\text{Frob } q) &= \theta(T_q), \\ \det \rho(\text{Frob } q) &= \theta(S_q) \mathbf{N} q. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover if  $q|n$ ,  $q \nmid p$  and  $\theta(T_q) \neq 0$  and if  $\sigma \in D_q$  lies above  $\text{Frob}_q$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr } \rho(\sigma) &= \theta(T_q) + \chi(\sigma)(\mathbf{N} q) \theta(T_q)^{-1}, \\ \det \rho(\sigma) &= \chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\chi$  is the continuous Galois character extending the map  $\text{Frob } q \mapsto \theta(S_q)$  for  $q$  a prime not dividing  $np$ .

If  $f$  is a newform and  $q \nmid p$  this describes  $\rho|D_q$  unless  $f$  is associated to an automorphic representation  $\otimes \pi_v$  with  $\pi_q$  either supercuspidal, special, or principal series coming from two ramified characters. In the first two cases  $\rho|D_q$  is described by the work of Carayol [C] and in the third we may twist  $f$  by a finite character to reduce it to a case we can treat ( $\pi_q$  principal series, coming from a pair of characters at least one of which is unramified).

It should be mentioned that in Case 3 above Wiles has described the restriction of  $\rho$  to the decomposition group  $D_q$  for  $q|p$ . Also the case  $k_\tau = 1$  for all  $\tau$  has been treated by Deligne-Serre, Rogawski-Tunnell and Wiles.

Our method of proof follows the method Wiles used for the “ $\Lambda$ -adic” case, see [W]. The idea is to find congruences between the form  $f$  and forms of level  $n\lambda$  for suitable primes  $\lambda$  which are “new at  $\lambda$ ” and fall into Case 2. We can then build the desired representation from those already constructed using Wiles’ method of “pseudo-representations” (see [W]).

The congruences we need are generalisations of those first studied by Ribet in [R]. Here we establish their existence by first using the correspondence of Jacquet and Langlands to switch to modular forms on a totally definite quaternion algebra and then essentially following the original method of Ribet. We

learnt the idea of switching to a totally definite quaternion algebra to establish congruences between modular forms from Hida's paper [H]. To show that we have found sufficient congruences we use a result of Brylinski and Labesse ([BL]).

After this article was written, Blasius and Rogawski [BR] found a completely different proof of conjecture one, which relies on the fact that  $U(2)$  is an endoscopic group of  $U(2, 1)$ . In the Cases 1–3 above this gives no new information. In the cases considered in this paper their method has the advantage that it shows the representation obtained is of Hodge-Tate type. However they are unable to describe the restriction of  $\rho$  to the decomposition group at bad primes.

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## 1. Congruences

We shall let  $F$  denote a totally real field of even degree, say  $d$ . We shall let  $I$  denote the set of embeddings  $F \hookrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . We shall let  $A$  denote  $M_2(F)$  and  $D$  denote the unique quaternion algebra over  $F$  ramified at exactly all the infinite places. We shall fix a maximal order  $\mathcal{O}_D$  of  $D$ . Choose a subfield  $K$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  which is Galois over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , which splits  $D$  and such that there is an isomorphism  $j: \mathcal{O}_D \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathcal{O}_K \xrightarrow{\sim} M_2(\mathcal{O}_K)^I$ . There are algebraic groups  $G^A$  and  $G^D$  over  $F$  with  $G^A(F) = A^\times$  and  $G^D(F) = D^\times$  along with the reduced norm morphisms  $v_A: G^A \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m$  and  $v_D: G^D \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m$ .

If  $L$  is a number field we shall let  $\mathbf{A}_L$  denote its ring of adeles which we decompose into its finite and infinite parts as  $\mathbf{A}_L = L_f \times L_\infty$ . If  $G$  is an algebraic group over  $F$  we shall write  $G_f$  and  $G_\infty$  for  $G(F_f)$  and  $G(F_\infty)$  respectively. We fix isomorphisms  $M_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,v}) \cong \mathcal{O}_D \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_F} \mathcal{O}_{F,v}$ . This gives an isomorphism  $G_f^D \cong G_f^A$  which we shall use to identify these groups, which we shall denote simply as  $G_f$ .

Fix  $k = (k_\tau) \in \mathbf{Z}^I$  such that each component  $k_\tau$  is  $\geq 2$  and such that all components have the same parity. Set  $t = (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbf{Z}^I$  and set  $m = k - 2t$ . Also choose  $v \in \mathbf{Z}^I$  such that each  $v_\tau \geq 0$ , some  $v_\tau = 0$  and  $m + 2v = \mu t$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

Now if  $f: G^A(\mathbf{A}_F) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  and  $u = u_f u_\infty \in G_f^A \times G_\infty^A$  then we define:

$$(f|_k u)(x) = j(u_\infty, z_0)^{-k} v(u_\infty)^{v+k-t} f(x u^{-1})$$

where:

- $z_0 = (\sqrt{-1}, \dots, \sqrt{-1}) \in \mathcal{X}^I$ , with  $\mathcal{X}$  denoting the upper half complex plane
- $j: G_\infty^A \times \mathcal{X}^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^I$  by  $\begin{pmatrix} a_\tau & b_\tau \\ c_\tau & d_\tau \end{pmatrix} \times z_\tau \mapsto (c_\tau z_\tau + d_\tau)$ .

If  $U \subset G_f$  is an open compact subgroup we define  $S_k^A(U)$  to be the set of functions from  $GL_2(F) \backslash G^A(\mathbf{A}_F)$  to  $\mathbf{C}$  satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $f|_k u = f$  for all  $u \in UC_\infty$  where  $C_\infty = (\mathbf{R}^\times \cdot SO_2(\mathbf{R}))^I \subset G_\infty^A$ .

2. For all  $x \in G_f$  the function  $f_x: \mathcal{X}^I \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  defined by:

$$u z_o \mapsto j(u, z_0)^k v(u)^{t-k-v} f(x u)$$

for  $u \in G_\infty^A$  is holomorphic (it is easily checked to be well defined).

3.  $\int_{\mathbf{A}_F/F} f\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x\right) da = 0$  for all  $x \in G^A(\mathbf{A}_F)$  and  $da$  an additive Haar measure on  $\mathbf{A}_F/F$ .

If  $U$  and  $U'$  are open compact subgroups in  $G_f$  and if  $x \in G_f$  we define a Hecke operator:

$$[U x U']: S_k^A(U) \rightarrow S_k^A(U')$$

by:

$$f \mapsto \sum f|_k x_i$$

where  $U x U' = \coprod U x_i$ .

We shall introduce the following notation, where  $n$  denotes an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  and  $\lambda$  denotes a prime of  $F$  not dividing  $n$ :

- $U_0 = \prod_q GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,q})$  where  $q$  runs over finite primes of  $F$ .
- $U(n) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in U_0 \mid c \in n, a-1 \in n \right\}$ .
- $U(n, \lambda) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in U_0 \mid c \in n\lambda, a-1 \in n \right\}$ .
- $S_k^A(n) = S^A(U(n))$  and  $S^A(n, \lambda) = S_k^A(U(n, \lambda))$ .
- $T_q$ , for  $q$  a prime of  $F$ , will denote the Hecke operator  $\left[ U \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pi_q \end{pmatrix} U \right]$  where  $\pi_q$  is an element of  $F_f$  which is 1 everywhere except at  $q$  where it is a uniformiser.
- $S_a$ , for a fractional ideal of  $F$ , will denote the Hecke operator  $\left[ U \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} U \right]$  where  $\alpha = \prod_q \pi_q^{v_q(a)}$  (note that although  $\pi_q$  is not uniquely determined by  $q$ ,  $T_q$  is well defined if  $U = U(n)$  or  $U(n, \lambda)$ , and that  $S_a$  is well defined if  $U = U(n)$  or  $U(n, \lambda)$  with  $(a, n) = 1$ ).
- $T_k(n)$  will denote the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra in  $\text{End}(S^A(n))$  generated by all the  $T_q$  for  $q$  a prime of  $F$  and the  $S_a$  for  $a$  an integral ideal of  $F$  prime to  $n$ .
- $T_k(n, \lambda)$  will denote the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra in  $\text{End}(S^A(n, \lambda))$  generated by all the  $T_q$  for  $q \neq \lambda$  a prime of  $F$  and the  $S_a$  for  $a$  an integral ideal of  $F$  prime to  $n\lambda$ .
- if  $f \in S_k^A(n)$  is an eigenform of the Hecke algebra  $T_k(n)$  we shall let  $\theta_f: T_k(n) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  denote the morphism determined by  $f|_k T = \theta_f(T)f$  for all  $T \in T_k(n)$ . Also  $L_f$  will denote the number field generated by the image of  $\theta_f$  and  $\mathcal{O}_f$  its integers. (It is a theorem of Shimura that  $L_f$  is a number field (see for example [Sa]).)

We also have an embedding:

$$S_k^A(n)^2 \hookrightarrow S_k^A(n, \lambda),$$

$$(f_1, f_2) \mapsto f_1 + f_2|_k \begin{pmatrix} \pi_\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is compatible with the action of the Hecke operators  $T_q$  for  $q \neq \lambda$  and  $S_a$  for  $a$  prime to  $n\lambda$ . It is well known that there is a unique  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)$  submodule of  $S_k^A(n, \lambda)$ , which we shall denote  $S_k^A(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$ , such that we have a direct sum of  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)$  modules:

$$S_k^A(n, \lambda) = S_k^A(n)^2 \oplus S_k^A(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}.$$

We shall let  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{old}}$  and  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  denote the image of  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)$  in  $\text{End}(S_k^A(n)^2)$  and  $\text{End}(S_k^A(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}})$ , respectively.

We can now state the main result of this section:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f \in S_k^A(n)$  be an eigenform of the Hecke algebra  $\mathbf{T}_k(n)$ . Then there is a non-zero ideal  $E_f$  of  $\mathcal{O}_f$  such that for all primes  $\lambda \nmid n$  of  $F$  there is an ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{O}_f$  and a map:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_f &\longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_f/\mathcal{I}_\lambda, \\ T_q &\mapsto \theta_f(T_q), \\ S_a &\mapsto \theta_f(S_a) \end{aligned}$$

where for all primes  $\not p$  of  $\mathcal{O}_f$  not dividing  $N\lambda$ :

$$v_{\not p}(\mathcal{I}_\lambda) \geq v_{\not p}(\theta_f(T_\lambda^2 - S_\lambda(N\lambda + 1)^2)) - v_{\not p}(E_f(N\lambda + 1)).$$

*Remarks.* Roughly speaking the point of this theorem is that the morphism  $\theta_f: \mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_f$ , which a priori factors through  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{old}}$ , also factors through  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  when it ( $\theta_f$ ) is considered modulo an ideal  $\mathcal{I}_\lambda$  which is essentially given as  $\theta_f(T_\lambda^2 - S_\lambda(1 + N\lambda)^2)$ , at least up to an error term  $E_f(N\lambda + 1)$  which will be easily controllable. Alternatively one could understand this theorem as saying there exists  $f' \in S_k^A(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  with  $f \equiv f' \pmod{\mathcal{I}_\lambda}$  with an appropriate notion of congruence. For a discussion of these two ways of interpreting congruences between modular forms the reader might like to consult [R] (this treats the case  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ , but conceptually this makes no difference).

We have contented ourselves with a statement which is sufficient for our purpose of constructing Galois representations and whose proof is as uncomplicated as possible. In fact in the case  $k = 2t$  we can choose  $E_f$  such that  $E_f | (\theta_f(T_q)^{h_F} - (Nq + 1)^{h_F})$  for all primes  $q \nmid n$  and  $(E_f | \theta_f(T_q)^{h_F} - (Nq)^{h_F})$  for all primes  $q \mid n$ , where  $h_F$  denotes the strict class number of  $F$ . The proof just requires slightly more care (see the end of this section for more details).

To prove this theorem we introduce modular forms for the algebra  $D$ . Our exposition follows that of Hida [H], as indeed did our exposition of Hilbert modular forms above.

We must first define some modules. For any ring  $R$  and for  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  we let  $S_{a,b}(R)$  denote the right  $M_2(R)$  module  $S^a(R^2)$  (the  $a^{\text{th}}$  symmetric power, i.e., the maximal symmetric quotient of the  $a^{\text{th}}$  tensor power) with  $M_2(R)$  action:

$$x \alpha = (\det \alpha)^b x S^a(\alpha).$$

If  $R^2$  has natural basis  $e_1, e_2$  then  $S_{a,b}(R)$  has a basis  $f_0, \dots, f_a$  where  $f_i = e_1^{\otimes i} \otimes e_2^{\otimes (a-i)}$ . With respect to this basis we define a duality:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle , \rangle : S_{a,b}(R)^2 &\rightarrow R, \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x w)^t y \end{aligned}$$

where  $w = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(R)$ . Note that:

$$\langle x \alpha, y \alpha \rangle = x w (w^{-1} \alpha w^t \alpha)^t y = (\det \alpha)^{a+2b} \langle x, y \rangle$$

as  $w^{-1} \alpha w = (\det \alpha)^t \alpha^{-1}$ .

Now for  $k \in \mathbf{Z}^I$ ,  $m, v, \mu$  as before set:

$$L_k = \bigotimes_I S_{m_\tau, v_\tau}(\mathbf{C}).$$

This has a  $G_\infty^D$  action via the map  $j: G_\infty^D \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbf{C})^I$  which we chose. We define a duality on  $L_k$  by:

$$\langle \otimes x_\tau, \otimes y_\tau \rangle = \prod \langle x_\tau, y_\tau \rangle,$$

and then:

$$\langle x \alpha, y \alpha \rangle = (\mathbf{N} v \alpha)^\mu \langle x, y \rangle.$$

Finally if  $\mathcal{O}_K \subset R \subset \mathbf{C}$  then we define  $L_k(R)$  to be:

$$\bigotimes_I S_{m_\tau, v_\tau}(R)$$

which is an  $R$  lattice in  $L_k$  and inherits an action of  $\mathcal{O}_D^\times$  (via  $j$ ). Then  $\langle , \rangle$  gives a duality  $L_k(R)^2 \rightarrow R$ .

If  $f: G^D(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow L_k$  and  $u = u_f u_\infty \in G^D(\mathbf{A})$  we set:

$$(f|_k u)(x) = f(x u^{-1}) \cdot u_\infty.$$

For  $U \subset G_f$  an open compact subgroup, set:

$$\begin{aligned} S_k^D(U) &= \{f: D^\times \setminus G^D(\mathbf{A}_F) \rightarrow L_k \mid f|_k u = f \quad \forall u \in U G_\infty^D\} \\ &= \{f: G_f/U \rightarrow L_k \mid f(\alpha x) = f(x) \cdot \alpha^{-1} \quad \forall x \in G_f, \alpha \in D^\times\} \end{aligned}$$

(where the action of  $D^\times$  is via  $j: D^\times \rightarrow GL_2(K)^I$ ). We also define  $I_k(U)$  to be zero unless  $k = 2t$  in which case it consists of those elements of  $S_{2t}^D$  which factor

through  $v: G_f/U \rightarrow F_f^\times/vU$ . For  $U, U'$  open compact subgroups in  $G_f$  and  $x \in G_f$  we define a Hecke operator:

$$\begin{aligned} [UxU']: S_k^D(U) &\rightarrow S_k^D(U'), \\ f &\mapsto \sum f|_k x_i \end{aligned}$$

where  $UxU' = \coprod Ux_i$ . It is easy to check that  $[UxU']: I_k(U) \rightarrow I_k(U')$ .

It is a theorem of Jacquet and Langlands [JL] (as completed by Arthur [A]) and of Shimizu [Su] that there are compatible isomorphisms:

$$i_U: S_k^D(U)/I_k(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} S_k^D(U)$$

for each  $U$ , which commute with the action of all the Hecke operators  $[UxU']$  (see Theorem 2.1 of [H] for the theorem in this form).

We also set  $X(U)$  to be the finite set:

$$D^\times \backslash G_f/U$$

and define a duality on  $S_k^D(U)$  by setting:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{[x] \in X(U)} \langle f(x), g(x) \rangle (\mathbf{N} v x)^\mu.$$

Here  $\mathbf{N} v$  is the composite of  $\mathbf{N} v: G_f \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_f^\times$  with the natural map  $\mathbf{Q}_f^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_{>0}^\times$  (which is the identity on the diagonally embedded copy of  $\mathbf{Q}_{>0}^\times$ ), and the definition is easily checked to be good (note  $\mathbf{N} v U = \{1\}$ ). One can also show that:

$$\langle f|_k [UxU'], g \rangle = (\mathbf{N} v x)^\mu \langle f, g|_k [U'x^{-1}U] \rangle.$$

Although the computation is easy, we give it here as we shall have to make several more like it. Let  $UxU' = \coprod Uxu_i$  so that  $U' = \coprod u_i^{-1}(U' \cap x^{-1}Ux)$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f|_k [UxU'], g \rangle &= \sum_t \sum_{[y] \in X(U')} \langle f(yu_i^{-1}x^{-1}), g(y) \rangle (\mathbf{N} v y)^\mu \\ &= \sum_{[y] \in X(U' \cap x^{-1}Ux)} \langle f(yx^{-1}), g(y) \rangle (\mathbf{N} v y)^\mu \\ &= \sum_{[y] \in X(xU'x^{-1} \cap U)} \langle f(y), g(yx) \rangle (\mathbf{N} v y)^\mu (\mathbf{N} v x)^\mu \\ &= \langle f, g|_k [U'x^{-1}U] \rangle (\mathbf{N} v x)^\mu \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows by a similar reasoning to that used in the first three lines. Note that in particular  $[UxU']: I_k(U)^\perp \rightarrow I_k(U')^\perp$ .

We define  $S_k^D(n)$ ,  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)$ ,  $\mathbf{T}_k^D(n)$  and  $\mathbf{T}_k^D(n, \lambda)$  by analogy with the case of  $S^4$ . Again we get a map:

$$i: S_k^D(n)^2 \rightarrow S_k^D(n, \lambda),$$

$$(f_1, f_2) \mapsto f_1 + f_2|_k \eta$$

where we set for the rest of this section  $\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \pi_\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . In fact we have a commutative diagram with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & I_k(n) & = & I_k(n) & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 \rightarrow & I_k(n)^2 & \rightarrow & S_k^D(n)^2 & \rightarrow & S_k^A(n)^2 & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 \rightarrow & I_k(n, \lambda) & \rightarrow & S_k^D(n, \lambda) & \rightarrow & S_k^A(n, \lambda) & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & & & & \\
 & & 0 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

where the map  $I_k(n) \rightarrow I_k(n)^2$  is given by  $f \mapsto (f, -f)$ . The commutativity follows from the compatibility of the maps  $i_U$  with the Hecke operators, because the map  $S_k^D(n)^2 \rightarrow S_k^D(n, \lambda)$  may be written:

$$(f_1, f_2) \mapsto f_1|_k[U(n) 1 U(n, \lambda)] + f_2|_k[U(n) \eta U(n, \lambda)].$$

Note that in particular  $I_k(n, \lambda) \subset i S_k^D(n)^2$ .

We define  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  to be  $(i S_k^D(n)^2)^\perp$ . Then we have:

**Lemma 1.** 1.  $S_k^D(U) = I_k(U) \oplus I_k(U)^\perp$ .

2.  $S_k^D(n, \lambda) = i S_k^D(n)^2 \oplus S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  and  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \cong S_k^A(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  as modules over the Hecke algebra. (Thus  $T_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \cong T_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  with the obvious notation.)

*Proof.* First assume that  $k = 2t$ . Then  $S_k^D(U) = \mathbf{C}^{X(U)}$ . We can give this space an  $\mathbf{R}$  structure by considering  $\mathbf{R}^{X(U)} \subset \mathbf{C}^{X(U)}$ , and the assertions of the lemma depend only on the  $\mathbf{R}$  structure. However working with  $\mathbf{R}^{X(U)}$  the lemma is easy to prove as  $\langle , \rangle$  is an inner product on  $\mathbf{R}^{X(U)}$ .

Now assume  $k \neq 2t$ . There is nothing to prove for the first assertion. For the second, note that  $S_k^D(n, \lambda) \cong S_k^A(n, \lambda)$  and redefine (for the moment)  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  to be the submodule corresponding to  $S_k^A(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  under this isomorphism. Then  $S_k^D(n, \lambda) = i S_k^D(n)^2 \oplus S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  and, because  $\langle , \rangle$  is a duality, we need only show that  $\langle i S_k^D(n)^2, S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \rangle = 0$  to conclude that our two definitions of  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  coincide and hence that the lemma holds.

However if  $\mathbf{T}$  denotes the abstract Hecke algebra generated by the operators  $T_q$  and  $S_q$  for  $q \nmid n\lambda$  then it is known that  $\mathbf{T}$  is diagonalisable on  $i S_k^D(n)^2$  and  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$ . Thus it will do to show that if  $f \in i S_k^D(n)^2$  and  $g \in S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  are eigenforms of  $\mathbf{T}$  then  $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$ . But, if not, the usual calculation shows that  $\theta_g(T_q) = \theta_f(T_q)\chi(q)$  where  $\chi$  is the finite character defined by  $\chi(q) = \theta_f(S_q)^{-1}(\mathbf{N} q)^u$  for  $q \nmid n\lambda$ . Thus if  $\pi_f$  and  $\pi_g$  are the corresponding automorphic representations the strong multiplicity one theorem implies that  $\pi_f \otimes (\chi \circ \det) = \pi_g$ . However  $\lambda$  divides the conductor of  $\pi_g$ , but neither that of  $\pi_f$  nor that of  $\chi$  which is a contradiction.

Later we shall require the following:

**Lemma 2.** Let  $i^\dagger: S_k^D(n, \lambda) \rightarrow S_k^D(n)^2$  be the adjoint of the map  $i: S_k^D(n)^2 \rightarrow S_k^D(n, \lambda)$  defined with respect to the natural pairings on  $S_k^D(n, \lambda)$  and  $S_k^D(n) \oplus S_k^D(n)$  (an orthogonal direct sum). Then  $i^\dagger \circ i: S_k^D(n)^2 \rightarrow S_k^D(n)^2$  is given by the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{N}\lambda + 1) & (\mathbf{N}\lambda)^\mu S_{\lambda-1} T_\lambda \\ T_\lambda & (\mathbf{N}\lambda)^\mu (\mathbf{N}\lambda + 1) \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* If  $i^\dagger \circ i = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  then  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are determined by the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g|_k A \rangle_{U(n)} &= \langle f, g \rangle_{U(n, \lambda)}, \\ \langle f, g|_k B \rangle_{U(n)} &= \langle f|_k \eta, g \rangle_{U(n, \lambda)}, \\ \langle f, g|_k C \rangle_{U(n)} &= \langle f, g|_k \eta \rangle_{U(n, \lambda)}, \\ \langle f, g|_k D \rangle_{U(n)} &= \langle f|_k \eta, g|_k \eta \rangle_{U(n, \lambda)}. \end{aligned}$$

Easy computations like the one given above now prove the lemma. (Recall that  $[U(n); U(n, \lambda)] = \mathbf{N}\lambda + 1$ .)

We shall now give  $S_k^D(U)$  an integral structure if  $U \subset U_0$ . We have two maps  $D \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} K_f \xrightarrow{\sim} M_2(K_f)^I$ . The first, which we shall write as the identity, comes from our identification of  $G^D(F_f)$  with  $G^A(F_f)$ . The second, which we shall denote as  $j$ , comes from the map  $j: D \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} K \rightarrow M_2(K)^I$ . Then  $j(g) = \delta g \delta^{-1}$  for some  $\delta \in (\prod G^A(\mathcal{O}_{K,v}))^I$ . We let  $G_f$  act on  $\mathcal{O}_K$  lattices in  $L_k(K)$  through the map:

$$G_f \xrightarrow{j} M_2(K_f)^I \rightarrow \text{End}(L_k(K)) \otimes_K K_f.$$

We shall write  $L \mapsto Lg$ . Note that if  $g \in (\prod M_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,v})) \cap G_f$  then  $L_k(R)g \subset L_k(R)$ . If  $R$  is a ring such that  $C \supset R \supset \mathcal{O}_K$  and if  $g \in G_f$  we define  $L_k(R)g$  to be  $L_k(\mathcal{O}_K)g \otimes R$ . We now define the module of  $R$  integral modular forms  $S_k^D(U; R)$  to be the module consisting of those  $f \in S_k^D(U)$  such that  $f(g) \in L_k(R)g^{-1}$  for all  $g \in G_f$ . Alternatively we can think of  $S_k^D(U; R)$  as:

$$\bigoplus_{[g] \in X(U)} (L_k(R)g^{-1})^{D^\times \cap gUg^{-1}}.$$

Thus we see that  $S_k^D(U; R)$  is an  $R$  lattice in  $S_k^D(U)$ . Also it is easily verified that if  $x \in G_f \cap \prod M_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,q})$  and if  $U, U' \subset U_0$  then  $[U \times U']: S_k^D(U; R) \rightarrow S_k^D(U'; R)$  because:

$$\begin{aligned} (f|_k [U \times U'])(g) &= \sum f(g u_i^{-1} x^{-1}) \\ &\in \sum L_k(R) x u_i g^{-1} \subset L_k(R)g^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $U \times U' = \coprod U \times u_i$ .

We now want to examine the effect of our pairing on the integral structure.

**Lemma 3.** There are non-zero integers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that for any open  $U \subset U_0$ :

$$C_1 \langle S_k^D(U; R), S_k^D(U; R) \rangle \subset R$$

and:

$$\langle f, S_k^D(U; R) \rangle \subset R \Rightarrow C_2 f \in S_k^D(U; R).$$

*Proof.* Fix a decomposition  $G_f = \coprod_{j \in J} D^\times t_j U_0$ . Then if  $U \subset U_0$  we have  $G_f = \coprod_{j \in J} \coprod_l D^\times t_j u_l U$  with each  $u_l \in U_0$ . Then:

$$S_k^D(U; R) = \bigoplus_{j \in J} \bigoplus_l (L_k(R) t_j^{-1})^{D^\times \cap t_j u_l U u_l^{-1} t_j^{-1}}.$$

The lemma is true for each of the orthogonal summands separately, so it will do to show that there are only finitely many possibilities for  $L_k(R)^{D^\times \cap W}$  as  $W$  varies over open subgroups of  $t_j U_0 t_j^{-1}$ .

However if  $X = \bigcup L_k(R)^{D^\times \cap U}$  as  $U$  varies over open compact subgroups then  $X$  is a submodule of  $L_k(R)$  and in fact  $X = L_k(R)^{D^\times \cap W_0}$  for some open compact subgroup  $W_0$ . Without loss of generality we may suppose that  $W_0 \triangleleft t_j U_0 t_j^{-1}$ . Then if  $W \subset t_j U t_j^{-1}$ :

$$L_k(R)^{D^\times \cap W} = X^{(D^\times \cap W)(D^\times \cap W_0)/(D^\times \cap W_0)}$$

but  $(D^\times \cap W)(D^\times \cap W_0)/(D^\times \cap W_0)$  is constrained to be one of the finite number of subgroups of the finite group  $(D^\times \cap t_j U_0 t_j^{-1})/(D^\times \cap W_0)$ .

Before finally proving Theorem 1 we need one more result (the analogue of a theorem of Ihara in Ribet's proof):

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $R \supset \mathcal{O}_K[1/N\lambda]$ . There is a non-zero integer  $C_3$  independent of  $\lambda$  such that for  $\lambda$  not dividing  $n$ :*

$$C_3^{-1} i(S_k^D(n; R)^2) \supset S_k^D(n, \lambda; R) \cap i(S_k^D(n)^2) \supset i(S_k^D(n; R)^2).$$

*Proof.* The second inclusion is easy. We divide the proof of the first into two cases.

*Case 1 ( $k=2t$ ).* In this case  $S_k^D(U; R) = R^{X(U)}$  which is how we shall think about these spaces for the moment. We consider two maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1, \pi_2: X(n, \lambda) &\rightarrow X(n), \\ \pi_1: [g] &\mapsto [g], \\ \pi_2: [g] &\mapsto [g \eta^{-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

We define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $X(n, \lambda)$  by  $x \sim y$  if there is a chain  $x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m = y$  such that, for each  $i$ ,  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  have the same image in  $X(n)$  under either  $\pi_1$  or  $\pi_2$ . Let  $y_1, \dots, y_s$  be representatives for the  $\sim$  equivalence classes  $c_1, \dots, c_s$ . Also define a "radius" function  $d$  on  $X(n, \lambda)$  by setting  $d(x)$  to be the length of the smallest chain  $x = x_0, \dots, x_d = y_j$  exhibiting  $x \sim y_j$  for some  $j$ .

Let  $f = i(f_1, f_2) \in S_k^D(n, \lambda) \cap i(S_k^D(n))^2$ . We first claim that we may assume that  $f_1(y_i) = 0$  for all  $i$ . In fact define:

$$\begin{aligned} f'_1: X(n) &\rightarrow R, \\ \pi_1 c_i &\mapsto \{f(y_i)\} \\ \text{and:} \\ f'_2: X(n) &\rightarrow R, \\ \pi_2 c_i &\mapsto \{f(y_i)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f = i(f_1 - f'_1, f_2 + f'_2)$  and  $(f_1 - f'_1)(y_i) = 0$  for all  $i$ .

Now assuming this we shall show by induction on  $d(x)$  that  $f_1(\pi_1 x)$  and  $f_2(\pi_2 x)$  are in  $R$  for all  $x$ . First note that  $f_1(\pi_1 x) + f_2(\pi_2 x) \in R$  so that if one is in  $R$  so is the other. If  $d(x) = 0$  then  $f_1(\pi_1 x) \in R$  as required. Assume  $d(x) = m$  and that the result is true for all  $x'$  with  $d(x') < m$ . Then we can find an  $x'$  with  $d(x') = m-1$  and  $\pi_i(x) = \pi_i(x')$  for  $i = 1$  or  $2$ . Then either  $f_1(\pi_1 x)$  or  $f_2(\pi_2 x)$  lies in  $R$  as required.

*Case 2* ( $k \neq 2t$ ). Let  $f = i(f_1, f_2) \in S_k^D(n, \lambda; R) \cap iS_k^D(n)^2$ . Note that  $L_k(R)\eta = L_k(R)$  and hence for  $g \in G_f$ :

$$f_1(g) + f_2(g\eta^{-1}) \in L_k(R) g^{-1} = L_k(R) \eta g^{-1}.$$

Thus it will do to show that  $C_3 f_1 \in S_k^D(n; R)$ . But if  $g \in G_f$  and  $u \in U(n)$  then:

- $f_1(gu) = f_1(g)$ ,
- $f_1(g\eta^{-1}u\eta) \in L_k(R) g^{-1} - f_2(g\eta^{-1}u) = L_k(R) g^{-1} - f_2(g\eta^{-1})$   
 $= L_k(R) g^{-1} + f_1(g)$ ,
- and so  $f_1(g\eta^{-1}u\eta) \equiv f_1(g) \pmod{L_k(R) g^{-1}}$ .

Thus if  $V_\lambda$  is the subgroup of  $G_f$  generated by  $U(n)$  and  $\eta^{-1}U(n)\eta$  and if  $\alpha \in D^\times \cap gV_\lambda g^{-1}$  we see that:

$$f_1(g) \equiv f_1(g)\alpha \pmod{L_k(R) g^{-1}}.$$

Let  $g_1, \dots, g_r \in G_f$  represent the points of  $X(n)$ . Then it will do to show that there are non-zero integers  $C(g_i)$  independent of  $\lambda$  such that if  $x \in L_k$  satisfies:

$$x \equiv x\alpha \pmod{L_k(R) g_i^{-1}}$$

for all  $\alpha \in D^\times \cap g_i V_\lambda g_i^{-1}$ , then  $C(g_i)x \in L_k(R) g_i^{-1}$ . However we can find an ideal  $m$  and a non-zero integer  $C$  independent of  $\lambda$  and of  $i$  such that:

$$CL_k(R) g_i^{-1} \subset L_k(R) \subset C^{-1} L_k(R) g_i^{-1}$$

and  $g_i V g_i^{-1} \supset W_\lambda \times W^\lambda$  where:

$$\begin{aligned} W_\lambda &= \{u \in GL_2(F_\lambda) \mid \det u \in \mathcal{O}_{F,\lambda}^\times\}, \\ W^\lambda &= \{u \in \prod_{q \neq \lambda} GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,q}) \mid u \equiv 1 \pmod{m}\}. \end{aligned}$$

(It is well known that  $GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,\lambda})$  and  $\eta^{-1}GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{F,\lambda})\eta$  generate  $W_\lambda$ .) Let  $\Gamma_m$  be the principal congruence subgroup of level  $m$  in  $SL_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$ . Then for  $x$  as above and  $\alpha \in D^\times \cap (W_\lambda \times W^\lambda)$ ,  $Cx \equiv Cx\alpha \pmod{L_k(R)}$ . But if  $\beta \in \Gamma_m$  then by the strong approximation theorem we can find  $\alpha \in D^\times \cap (W^\lambda \times W_\lambda)$  arbitrarily congruent to  $\delta^{-1}\beta\delta$  outside  $\lambda$ ; and hence:

$$Cx \equiv Cx\beta \pmod{L_k(R)}$$

where now the action of  $\beta$  is via  $SL_2(F) \hookrightarrow GL_2(K)^I$  diagonally and not via  $j$ . Now considering elements  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ m' & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\Gamma_m$  for  $0 \neq m' \in m$  produces a constant  $C'$  depending only on  $m$  and  $k$  such that  $C' C x \in L_k(R)$  and so  $C' C^2 x \in L_k(R) g_i^{-1}$ , as desired.

We are now in a position to prove Theorem 1. We may assume that  $K \supseteq L_f$  and set  $R = \mathcal{O}_K[1/\mathbf{N} \lambda]$ . Then we can find  $f' \in S_k^D(n; R)$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} f' &\in I_k(n)^\perp, \\ f'|_k T &= \theta_f(T) f' \quad \forall T \in \mathbf{T}_k(n), \\ C_4(Kf' \cap (S_k^D(n; R) + I_k(n))) &\subset Rf' \end{aligned}$$

for some non-zero ideal  $C_4$  of  $R$  depending only on  $K$ ,  $k$  and  $n$ . Let  $a = \theta_f(T_\lambda) - S_\lambda(\mathbf{N} \lambda + 1)^2$  and let  $g = ((1 + \mathbf{N} \lambda) S_\lambda f', -T_\lambda f')$  so that  $a^{-1} i^\dagger \circ i(g) = (-f', 0)$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle C_1 C_3 a^{-1} i(g), i S_k^D(n)^2 \cap S_k^D(n, \lambda; R) \rangle &\subset C_1 \langle a^{-1} i(g), i(S_k^D(n; R)^2) \rangle \\ &= C_1 \langle a^{-1} i^\dagger \circ i(g), S_k^D(n; R)^2 \rangle \\ &\subset R. \end{aligned}$$

We may extend  $\langle C_1 C_3 a^{-1} i(g), - \rangle$  to a linear map  $S_k^D(n, \lambda; R) \rightarrow R$  and thus there is an  $h \in S_k^D(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}}$  with  $h + C_1 C_2 C_3 a^{-1} i(g) \in S_k^D(n, \lambda; R)$ . Then for each  $T \in \mathbf{T}_k^D(n, \lambda)$ :

$$h|_k T - \theta_f(T) h \in a^{-1} C_1 C_2 C_3 i(g|_k T - \theta_f(T) g) + S_k^D(n, \lambda; R) = S_k^D(n, \lambda; R).$$

Thus we get a map:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \otimes R &\rightarrow R/\mathcal{J}_\lambda, \\ T_q &\mapsto \theta_f(T_q), \\ S_a &\mapsto \theta_f(S_a) \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_\lambda &= \{x \in R \mid x h \in S_k^D(n, \lambda; R)\} \\ &\subset \{x \in R \mid x C_1 C_2 C_3^2 a^{-1} g \in S_k^D(n; R)^2 + \ker i\} \\ &\subset a(1 + \mathbf{N} \lambda)^{-1} \{x \in R \mid x C_1 C_2 C_3^2 f' \in S_k^D(n; R) + I_k(n)\} \\ &\subset a(1 + \mathbf{N} \lambda)^{-1} C_1^{-1} C_2^{-1} C_3^{-2} C_4^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Finally we indicate how we can control the error term as we claimed after the statement of theorem one. In the case  $k = 2t$  the constants  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  may all be chosen to be one as we see easily from the proofs of lemmas three and four. We claim that there are infinitely many prime ideals  $\mu$  such that we may choose  $C_4$  to be any one of:

- $(\theta_f(T_q)^{h_F} - (1 + \mathbf{N} q)^{h_F}) \mu \quad \text{for } q \nmid n,$
- $(\theta_f(T_q)^{h_F} - (\mathbf{N} q)^{h_F}) \mu \quad \text{for } q \mid n.$

This would be enough to establish the remark. To prove the claim note that for infinitely many  $\mu$  we may choose  $f'_\mu \in S_k^D(n; R)$  such that:

$$\mu(K f'_\mu \cap S_k^D(n; R)) \subset R f'_\mu.$$

Then take:

$$f' = f'_\mu |(T_q^{h_F} - (1 + \mathbf{N} q)^{h_F})$$

for any  $q \nmid n$  or:

$$f' = f'_\mu |(T_q^{h_F} - (\mathbf{N} q)^{h_F})$$

for any  $q|n$ . Then  $f'$  will satisfy the requirements at the start of the last paragraph because  $(T_q^{h_F} - (1 + \mathbf{N} q)^{h_F})$  for  $q \nmid n$  and  $(T_q^{h_F} - (\mathbf{N} q)^{h_F})$  for  $q|n$  kill  $I_k(n)$  and preserve  $I_k(n)^\perp$ .

## 2. Galois representations

We first recall Wiles' notion of a pseudo-representation (see [W]). Let  $R$  be a ring and  $G$  a group with a distinguished element  $c$  of order two. By a pseudo-representation  $r$  of  $G$  into  $R$  we mean a collection of maps:

$$\begin{aligned} A: & G \rightarrow R, \\ D: & G \rightarrow R, \\ T: & G \rightarrow R, \\ X: & G \times G \rightarrow R \end{aligned}$$

satisfying the following conditions:

- $2A_{\sigma\tau} = A_\sigma A_\tau + X_{\sigma, \tau},$
- $2D_{\sigma\tau} = D_\sigma D_\tau + X_{\tau, \sigma},$
- $A_\sigma = T_\sigma + T_{c\sigma},$
- $D_\sigma = T_\sigma - T_{c\sigma},$
- $T_1 = 2$  and  $T_c = 0,$
- $X_{c, \sigma} = X_{\sigma, c} = 0,$
- $X_{\sigma, \tau} X_{\rho, \eta} = X_{\sigma, \eta} X_{\rho, \tau},$
- $4X_{\sigma\tau, \rho\eta} = A_\sigma A_\eta X_{\tau, \rho} + A_\eta D_\tau X_{\sigma, \rho} + A_\sigma D_\rho X_{\tau, \eta} + D_\tau D_\rho X_{\sigma, \eta}.$

We define the trace of  $r$  to be  $\text{Tr}(r) = T$  and the "determinant" to be  $\text{Det}(r)$ :  $\sigma \mapsto A_\sigma D_\sigma - X_{\sigma, \sigma}$ . Note that a pseudo-representation is determined by its trace (as follows at once from the first four properties). Also if  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_2(R)$  is

a representation with  $\rho(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $\rho$  determines a unique pseudo-representation  $r$  with the same trace. In fact if  $\rho(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} a_\sigma & b_\sigma \\ c_\sigma & d_\sigma \end{pmatrix}$  then  $r$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} A: \quad & \sigma \mapsto 2a_\sigma, \\ D: \quad & \sigma \mapsto 2d_\sigma, \\ T: \quad & \sigma \mapsto a_\sigma + d_\sigma, \\ X: (\sigma, \tau) \mapsto & 4b_\sigma d_\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Finally if  $R$  is a principal ideal domain whose field of fractions  $F_R$  does not have characteristic two and if  $r$  is a pseudo-representation valued in  $R$  then there is a representation

$$\rho: G \rightarrow GL_2(F_R)$$

with  $\rho(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\text{tr } \rho = \text{Tr } r$  and  $4 \det \rho = \text{Det } r$ . If 2 is invertible in  $R$  or if  $R$  is the integers in a finite extension of  $\mathbf{Q}_2$  and  $r$  is continuous from a compact group then we can take  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_2(R)$ . For a proof we refer the reader to Wiles' article [W].

We now give a version of the results of Ohta [O], Rogawski-Tunnell [RT] and Carayol [C]:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $p$  be a rational prime,  $n$  an ideal of  $F$  and  $\lambda$  a prime of  $F$  not dividing  $n$ . Then there is a continuous pseudo-representation of  $\text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)$  valued in  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \otimes \mathbf{Z}_p$  which is unramified outside  $n\lambda p$  and such that:*

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Tr } r)(\text{Frob } q) &= T_q, \\ (\text{Det } r)(\text{Frob } q) &= 4S_q \mathbf{N} q \end{aligned}$$

for  $q \nmid n\lambda p$ . Moreover there is a unique continuous Galois character  $\chi$  extending  $\text{Frob } q \mapsto S_q$  for  $q \nmid n\lambda p$ ; and for  $q \mid n\lambda$  but  $q \nmid p$  and  $\sigma$  in the decomposition group of  $q$  lying above  $\text{Frob } q$  we have that:

$$(\text{Det } r)(\sigma) = 4\chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q$$

and either  $T_q^{s_q} = 0$  (where  $s_q$  is the highest power of  $q$  dividing  $n\lambda$ ) or:

$$(T_q^2 - T_q(\text{Tr } r)(\sigma) - \chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q)^2 = 0.$$

*Proof.* We can replace  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \otimes \mathbf{Z}_p$  by  $\mathbf{T}_k(n, \lambda)^{\text{new}} \otimes \mathbf{Q}_p^{ac} = \bigoplus \mathcal{R}_i$  where each  $\mathcal{R}_i$  is local with a unique map  $\theta_i: \mathcal{R}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p^{ac}$ . In fact we shall show for  $\mathcal{R}$  any  $\mathcal{R}_i$  there is a representation into  $GL_2(\mathcal{R})$  with the desired properties. Now it is known that there is a genuine continuous representation:

$$\rho: \text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbf{Q}_p^{ac})$$

such that for  $q \nmid n\lambda p$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{tr} \rho(\operatorname{Frob} q) &= \theta(T_q), \\ \det \rho(\operatorname{Frob} q) &= \theta(S_q) \mathbf{N} q.\end{aligned}$$

Giving  $\operatorname{Gal}(F^{ac}/F)$  a trivial action on  $\mathcal{R}$  we can think of  $\rho: \operatorname{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathcal{R})$ ; and, because for  $q \nmid n\lambda T_q = \theta(T_q)$  and  $S_q = \theta(S_q)$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\rho(\operatorname{Frob} q)$  will satisfy the required relations for  $q \nmid n\lambda p$ . In particular we see that  $\chi$  is well defined and  $\det \rho = \chi \mathbf{N}$ .

For  $q|n\lambda$  but  $q \nmid p$  there are two possibilities either  $\theta(T_q) = 0$  in which case  $T_q^{sq} = 0$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ ; or  $(T_q - \theta(T_q))^2 = 0$  in  $\mathcal{R}$  and if  $\pi = \bigotimes \pi_v$  is the automorphic representation corresponding to  $\mathcal{R}$  then  $\pi_q$  is principal series or special with at least one defining character unramified. In the second case, if  $\sigma$  is as in the theorem then  $\theta(T_q)^2 - \theta(T_q) \operatorname{tr} \rho(\sigma) - \chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q = 0$  (see Carayol [C]), and hence:

$$(T_q^2 - T_q(\operatorname{Tr} r)(\sigma) - \chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q)^2 = 0$$

in  $\mathcal{R}$ , as desired.

We can now prove our main theorem:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $p$  be a rational prime,  $n$  an ideal of  $F$  and  $f \in S_k^A(n)$  an eigenform for  $\mathbf{T}_k(n)$ , where each  $k_v \geq 2$ . Let  $\theta: \mathbf{T}_k(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_f$  be the corresponding morphism (i.e.  $f|_k T = \theta(T)f$  for all  $T \in \mathbf{T}_k(n)$ ) where  $\mathcal{O}_f$  denotes the integers of the number field generated by the image of  $\theta$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime of  $\mathcal{O}_f$  above  $p$ , then there is a continuous representation:

$$\rho: \operatorname{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{f,\mathfrak{p}})$$

which is unramified outside  $np$  and such that if  $q$  is a prime of  $F$  not dividing  $np$  then:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{tr} \rho(\operatorname{Frob} q) &= \theta(T_q), \\ \det \rho(\operatorname{Frob} q) &= \theta(S_q) \mathbf{N} q.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover if  $q|n$  but  $q \nmid p$  then either  $\theta(T_q) = 0$  or if  $\sigma \in D_q$  lies above  $\operatorname{Frob}_q$  then:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{tr} \rho(\sigma) &= \theta(T_q) + \chi(\sigma) (\mathbf{N} q) \theta(T_q)^{-1}, \\ \det \rho(\sigma) &= \chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q\end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi$  is the continuous Galois character extending  $\operatorname{Frob} q \mapsto \theta(S_q)$  for  $q$  a prime not dividing  $np$ .

*Proof.* It will do to find a pseudo-representation with the desired properties with the condition “ $\operatorname{tr} \rho(\sigma) = \theta(T_q) + \chi(\sigma) (\mathbf{N} q) \theta(T_q)^{-1}$  for  $\theta(T_q) \neq 0$ ” replaced by:

$$\theta(T_q^{sq})(\theta(T_q^2) - \theta(T_q)(\operatorname{Tr} r)(\sigma) - \chi(\sigma) \mathbf{N} q)^2 = 0.$$

In fact it will do to show that for each  $m > 0$  there is such a pseudo-representation  $r_m$  valued in  $\mathcal{O}_f/\mathfrak{p}^m$ , for then  $r_m \equiv r_{m+1} \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^m}$  (because a continuous pseudo-representation is determined by its trace on a dense set of elements) and so we can put them together to construct  $r$ .

Assume for the moment that for each positive integer  $m$  we can find infinitely many primes  $\lambda$  of  $F$  such that  $\mathbf{N} \lambda \equiv \alpha_\lambda / \beta_\lambda \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}^{t(m)}}$  where  $t(m) = m + v_{\mathfrak{p}}(E_f)$

$+\lceil \mathcal{O}_f : \mathbf{Z} \rceil$ ,  $E_f$  is as in Theorem 1 and  $\alpha_\lambda$  and  $\beta_\lambda$  are the roots of  $X^2 - \theta(T_\lambda) + \theta(S_\lambda)\mathbf{N}\lambda = 0$ . Then for such a  $\lambda$ ,  $v_p(1 + \mathbf{N}\lambda) \leq \lceil \mathcal{O}_f : \mathbf{Z} \rceil$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(T_\lambda^2 - S_\lambda(1 + \mathbf{N}\lambda)^2) &= \theta(S_\lambda)((1 + \alpha_\lambda/\beta_\lambda)(1 + \beta_\lambda/\alpha_\lambda)\mathbf{N}\lambda - (1 + \mathbf{N}\lambda)^2) \\ &\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{t(m)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus combining Theorem 1 with the above proposition we would obtain the desired pseudo-representation, except that we may lose information about Frob  $\lambda$ . However two such  $\lambda$  determine the same pseudo-representation and between them determine the desired information about Frob  $q$  for all  $q$ .

Thus it just remains to prove that we can find infinitely many such  $\lambda$ . However Brylinski and Labesse [BL] have shown the existence of a continuous representation:

$$\beta: \text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \rightarrow GL_{2a}(\mathcal{O}_{f, \mathfrak{p}})$$

unramified outside some finite set of primes; and such that, for almost all primes  $q$  of  $F$ , which lie above a prime  $\bar{q}$  of  $\mathbf{Q}$  which splits completely in the normal closure of  $F$ , the characteristic polynomial of  $\beta(\text{Frob } q)$  has roots:

$$\prod_{q' \in I_1} \alpha_{q'} \prod_{q' \in I_2} \beta_{q'}$$

as  $I_1, I_2$  run over partitions of the primes of  $F$  above  $\bar{q}$  into two sets. Let  $M/\mathbf{Q}$  be the composite of the normal closure of  $F$ , the cyclotomic field of conductor  $p^{t(m)}$  and the fixed field of  $\{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F^{ac}/F) \mid \beta(\sigma) \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{t(m)}}\}$ . Then all but finitely many of the (infinite number) of primes that split completely in  $M$  will satisfy our requirements.

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