

Notes on Bump

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1 June 7th

We plan on covering §1.1–1.3.

1.1 Dirichlet L -Functions

We begin by defining Dirichlet characters.

Definition 1 (Dirichlet character). Fix a positive integer N . A *Dirichlet character* $(\bmod N)$ is a character $\chi: (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ extended to \mathbb{Z} by declaring $\chi(n) = 0$ whenever $\gcd(n, N) > 1$. If $N \mid M$ where $N < M$, then a Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$ *induces* a Dirichlet character $(\bmod M)$ by the canonical projection $\mathbb{Z}/M\mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$. If χ is not induced by any other character, then χ is *primitive*; otherwise, χ is *imprimitive*.

Dirichlet characters $\chi \pmod{N}$ have two important attached invariants.

Definition 2 (L -function). Fix a Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$. Then we define the *Dirichlet L -function* by

$$L(s, \chi) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}.$$

Remark 3. We note that $L(s, \chi)$ converges absolutely for $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$. If χ is not induced by the trivial character, then one sees $L(s, \chi)$ actually converges for $\operatorname{Re} s > 0$ uniformly on compacts. If $\chi = 1$, then $L(s, \chi) = \zeta(s)$, and one can use a summation-by-parts argument to show that $\zeta(s)$ has an integral representation valid for $\operatorname{Re} s > 0$.

Remark 4. The usual argument with unique prime factorization implies $L(s, \chi)$ admits an Euler product

$$L(s, \chi) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - \chi(p)p^{-s}}.$$

Our goal for the time being is to show that $L(s, \chi)$ admits a meromorphic continuation and functional equation. To this end, we introduce the second invariant of a Dirichlet character.

Definition 5 (Gauss sum). Fix a primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$. Then we define the *Gauss sum*

$$\tau(\chi) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} \tau(n) e^{2\pi i n/N}.$$

We may like to adjust the character $n \mapsto e^{2\pi i n/N}$. To this end, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 6. Fix a primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$. Then

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) e^{2\pi i n m/N} = \bar{\chi}(m) \tau(\chi).$$

Proof. If $\gcd(m, N) = 1$, then this is a matter of rearranging the sum. Otherwise, the right-hand side vanishes by definition of χ , and one shows that the left-hand side vanishes essentially because the “periods” of χ and $n \mapsto e^{2\pi i n m/N}$ differ. ■

We will want to know that $\tau(\chi)$ is nonzero. As is common in harmonic analysis, it will be easier to compute the norm.

Lemma 7. Fix a primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$. Then $|\tau(\chi)|^2 = N$.

Proof. Some rearranging reveals that

$$\tau(\chi) \overline{\tau(\chi)} = \frac{1}{\varphi(N)} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n_1, n_2 \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times} \chi(n_1) \bar{\chi}(n_2) e^{2\pi i (n_1 - n_2)m/N}.$$

(The point is that each m produces the same value.) Summing over m , we see that we only care about terms where $n_1 \equiv n_2 \pmod{N}$, from which the result follows. ■

Our proof of the functional equation requires the Poisson summation formula. Thus, we introduce a little more harmonic analysis.

Definition 8 (Fourier transform). For a Schwartz function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, we define its *Fourier transform* by

$$\mathcal{F}f(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) e^{2\pi i xy} dy.$$

Example 9. For $t \in \mathbb{R}$, define $f_t(x) := e^{-\pi t x^2}$. Then one can compute that $\mathcal{F}f_t = t^{-1/2} f_{1/t}$. Bump includes a proof using contour integration, but of course other proofs exist.

Example 10. For $t \in \mathbb{R}$, define $g_t(x) := x e^{-\pi t x^2}$. Integrating by parts and using Example 9, one finds that $\mathcal{F}g_t = i t^{-3/2} g_{1/t}$.

Proposition 11 (Poisson summation). For a Schwarz function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, we have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{F}f(n).$$

Proof. The trick is to consider the periodic function

$$F(x) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(x + n).$$

Because f is Schwartz, F is infinitely differentiable, so it admits a Fourier series. A computation of the Fourier coefficients then reveals that

$$F(x) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{F}f(m) e^{2\pi i mx},$$

from which the result follows by taking $m = 0$. ■

Corollary 12. For a Schwarz function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$, we have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) f(n) = \frac{\tau(\bar{\chi})}{N} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(n/N).$$

Proof. Apply Poisson summation to the function

$$g(x) := \left(\frac{\tau(\bar{\chi})}{N} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}} \bar{\chi}(m) e^{2\pi i xm/N} \right) f(x).$$

For example, the left-hand side equals $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g(n)$ because the big factor equals $\chi(n)$ when $x = n$ is an integer. ■

We now move towards our proof of the functional equation. Our functional equation for Dirichlet L -functions will be bootstrapped from the functional equation for certain θ -functions.

Proposition 13. Fix a primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$. Say $\chi(-1) = (-1)^\varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$. Define the θ -function

$$\theta_\chi(t) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^\varepsilon \chi(n) e^{-\pi n^2 t}.$$

Then

$$\theta_\chi(t) = \frac{(-i)^\varepsilon \tau(\chi)}{N^{1+\varepsilon} t^{\varepsilon+1/2}} \theta_{\overline{\chi}}\left(\frac{1}{N^2 t}\right).$$

Proof. Doing casework on ε , combine Corollary 12 with Examples 9 and 10. ■

At long last, here is our result.

Theorem 14. Fix a primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{N}$. Say $\chi(-1) = (-1)^\varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$. Then the completed L -function

$$\Lambda(s, \chi) := \pi^{-(s+\varepsilon)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\varepsilon}{2}\right) L(s, \chi)$$

has a meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} and satisfies the functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, \chi) = (-i)^\varepsilon \tau(\chi) N^{-s} \Lambda(1-s, \overline{\chi}).$$

Proof. It is enough to show the functional equation. A u -substitution proves

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} e^{-\pi t n^2} t^{(s+\varepsilon)/2} \frac{dt}{t} = \pi^{-(s+\varepsilon)/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+\varepsilon}{2}\right) n^{-s-\varepsilon}.$$

Summing over $n \geq 0$ reveals

$$\Lambda(s, \chi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \theta_\chi(t) t^{(s+\varepsilon)/2} \frac{dt}{t}.$$

Proposition 13 completes the proof. ■

1.2 The Modular Group

The natural action of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ on \mathbb{C}^2 descends to an action of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ on $\mathbb{H} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \mathrm{Im} z > 0\}$ by fractional linear transformations. Explicitly,

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

We would like some arithmetic input to this action, so we introduce some subgroups.

Definition 15 (congruence subgroup). For a positive integer N , we define $\Gamma(N)$ as the kernel of the reduction map $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$. Explicitly,

$$\Gamma(N) := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}.$$

A subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is a *congruence subgroup* if and only if it contains $\Gamma(N)$ for some positive integer N .

We will spend the rest of the section collecting some facts about $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and its action on \mathbb{H} .

Proposition 16. The group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ acts discontinuously on \mathbb{H} .

Proof. For compact subsets $K_1, K_2 \subseteq \mathbb{H}$, we must show that

$$S := \{g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : K_2 \cap gK_1 \neq \emptyset\}$$

is a finite set. Well, note that $g := \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ has

$$\mathrm{Im} g(z) = \frac{y}{|cz + d|^2}$$

by a direct computation. Thus, the values of c and d are bounded in S . Because $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ behaves a lateral shift (to the left or right by $|a|$), we see that there are only finitely many possible values of b . Lastly, a is determined by (b, c, d) because $ad - bc = 1$, so we conclude that S is finite. ■

Proposition 17. The action of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ on \mathbb{H} has a fundamental domain given by

$$F := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{H} : |\mathrm{Re} z| < \frac{1}{2}, |z| > 1 \right\}.$$

Namely, any class of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}$ has a representative in \overline{F} , and $z_1, z_2 \in F$ with $g(z_1) = z_2$ must have $z_1 = z_2$ (and $g = \pm I_2$).

Proof. This is essentially a matter of making the previous proof explicit. For the first claim, choose $z \in \mathbb{H}$, and apply $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ until $\mathrm{Im} z$ is maximized; then apply elements of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ until $\mathrm{Re} z \in [-1/2, 1/2]$. For the second claim, one does some explicit algebra and casework on z and g . ■

Remark 18. Any finite-index subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ can also be given a fundamental domain by taking $\bigcup_{g \in \Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})} gF$, where the union is merely over a set of representatives for $\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Proposition 19. Fix a congruence subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Then the quotient $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ can be compactified and then given the structure of a compact Riemann surface.

Proof. Define $\mathbb{H}^* := \mathbb{H} \sqcup \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$, where the points of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$ are called “cusps.” Note that Γ acts on $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$ separately and with only finitely many orbits (because $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ has finite index). We will explain how $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^*$ can be given the structure of a compact Riemann surface. Let $\overline{\Gamma} \subseteq \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the image of Γ ; there are three cases for $a \in \mathbb{H}^*$

- If the stabilizer of a in $\overline{\Gamma}$ is trivial, then the discontinuity of our action implies that this is the case in an open neighborhood of a . So we map a to the fundamental domain and take a chart there.
- If the stabilizer of a in $\overline{\Gamma}$ is nontrivial and $a \in \mathbb{H}$, then we use the map $z \mapsto \frac{z-a}{z-\overline{a}}$ to send a to the origin, and it sends everything else to the unit disk. Tracking through how fractional linear transformations behave, we see that the stabilizer must now be a finite collection of rotations about the origin, so we take roots to build our charts.
- If the stabilizer of a in $\overline{\Gamma}$ is nontrivial and $a \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$, use $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ to move a to ∞ , and a similar argument as the previous point can move everything to the unit disk again. ■

1.3 Modular Forms

Here is our definition.

Definition 20 (modular form). Fix an integer k and finite-index subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Then a *modular form* of weight k and level Γ is a holomorphic function f on \mathbb{H}^* such that

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

for any $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma$. The vector space of such f is denoted by $M_k(\Gamma)$. If f vanishes on the cusps of \mathbb{H}^* , we say that f is a *cusp form*, and

Remark 21. Being holomorphic on \mathbb{H}^* is a somewhat tricky condition. Because $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^*$ has already been given the structure of a compact Riemann surface, it is enough to show that f has at worst removable singularities, so it is enough to show that f is bounded approaching the cusps in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$. More explicitly, if $\Gamma \supseteq \Gamma(N)$, then $q := e^{2\pi iz/N}$ is a local chart around $\infty \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^1$, so we want the Fourier expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n q^n$$

to have $a_n = 0$ for $n < 0$.

Remark 22. Suppose k is odd and $\Gamma = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Then $g = -I_2$ tells us that $f(z) = (-1)^k f(z)$, so $f = 0$.

Remark 23. If $k = 0$, then we are asking for holomorphic functions on $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^*$, but this is a compact Riemann surface, so our modular forms of weight 0 are constant.

Remark 24. More formally, we see that $M(\Gamma)$ is a graded ring, with grading given by the weight. The point is that the product of modular forms of weights k and ℓ produces a modular form of weight $k + \ell$.

We would like to classify modular forms for $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Proposition 25. Fix a finite-index subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Then $M_k(\Gamma)$ is finite-dimensional.

Proof. If $M_k(\Gamma)$ only has 0, then we are done. Else, choose a nonzero element f_0 . Then division by f_0 sends $f \in M_k(\Gamma)$ to meromorphic functions f/f_0 on $X := \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^*$. Now, this collection of holomorphic functions f/f_0 on X have prescribed poles at the zeroes of f , so an argument with Laurent expansions in local charts around these poles explains that the space of such holomorphic functions on X is finite-dimensional. ■

Thus, $M_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ is relatively small. We now want to show that it is frequently nonempty when k is even (see Remark 22).

Lemma 26. For even $k \geq 4$, define

$$E_k(z) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}} \frac{1}{(mz+n)^k}.$$

Then $E_k \in M_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$.

Proof. With $k \geq 4$, one can check that E_k is absolutely convergent, and it is weight k essentially by construction. To check that E_k is holomorphic at ∞ , we compute its Fourier expansion. The Fourier transform

of $f(u) := (u - \tau)^{-1}$ is

$$\mathcal{F}f(v) = \begin{cases} 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{u=\tau} (e^{2\pi i uv} (u - \tau)^{-k}) & \text{if } v > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } v \leq 0, \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{(2\pi i)^k}{(k-1)!} v^{k-1} e^{2\pi i v \tau} & \text{if } v > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } v \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus, the Poisson summation formula and a little rearrangement tells us that

$$E_k(z) = \zeta(k) + \frac{(2\pi i)^k}{(k-1)!} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{k-1}(n) q^n,$$

where $\sigma_{k-1}(n)$ is the sum of the $(k-1)$ st powers of the divisors of n . ■

Remark 27. A computation of $\zeta(k)$ (for even k) reveals that $G_k(z) := \zeta(k)^{-1} E_k(z)$ has rational coefficients. For example, one can see that $\Delta := G_4^3 - G_6^2$ lives in $S_{12}(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$.

Lemma 28. There exists an element in $S_{12}(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ which does not vanish on \mathbb{H} .

Proof. We recall the Jacobi triple product formula given by

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{n^2} x^n = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2n}) (1 + q^{2n-1} x) (1 + q^{2n-1} x^{-1}).$$

Substituting $q \mapsto q^{3/2}$ and $x \mapsto -q^{-1/2}$ and rearranging, we see

$$\eta(z) := q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) q^{n^2/24},$$

where $\chi \pmod{12}$ is the primitive quadratic character. (Explicitly, $\chi(\pm 1) = 1$ and $\chi(\pm 5) = -1$.) Note $\eta(z) = \theta_{\chi}(-z/12)$.

We claim that η^{24} is the required function. The infinite product tells us that η does not vanish on \mathbb{H} , but η vanishes at $\infty \in \mathbb{H}^*$ (which is $q = 0$). Thus, it remains to show that η^{24} is modular with weight 12. The infinite product explains that η^{24} satisfies the modularity property for $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, so it remains to check for $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Well, plugging θ_{χ} into Proposition 13, we see

$$\sqrt{-iz} \eta(z) = \eta\left(-\frac{1}{z}\right),$$

which completes the proof upon raising to the 24th power. ■

Remark 29. The argument of Proposition 25 tells us that $S_{12}(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ is actually one-dimensional. Thus, it is spanned by Δ .

And here is our classification result.

Theorem 30. The ring $M(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ is generated by G_4 and G_6 . In particular,

$$\dim M_{12a+2b}(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})) = \begin{cases} a+1 & \text{if } 2b \in \{0, 4, 6, 8, 10\}, \\ a & \text{if } 2b = 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We abbreviate the group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ from our notation. Dimension arguments imply that it is enough to show the last computation. The argument of Proposition 25 implies that multiplication by Δ provides an isomorphism $M_k \rightarrow S_{k+12}$ for all k ; additionally, because we have only one cusp, we see that either $M_k = S_k$ or $\dim M_k = \dim S_k + 1$. Thus, $\dim M_{k+12} = 1 + \dim M_k$ always, so it remains to show the result for $k < 12$.

Examining what we've done so far, it remains to show $\dim M_k = 1$ for even $k \in [4, 10]$ and $\dim M_2 = 0$.

- Take $k \in \{4, 6, 8, 10\}$. To show $\dim M_k = 1$, we will show $\dim S_k = 0$ (and then use E_k to increase dimension). Well, suppose for contradiction that we have a nonzero element $f \in S_k$. On one hand, we see $E_{6(12-k)}(f/\Delta)^6$ is a modular form of weight 0, so it is constant, so we may say $E_{6(12-k)} = \Delta^6/f^6$ by adjusting f by a constant multiple. On the other hand, this means $E_{6(12-k)}$ fails to vanish on \mathbb{H} , so $\Delta^{(12-k)/2}/E_{6(12-k)}$ is a modular form of weight 0 with no poles but a zero at the cusp, which is impossible.
- Take $k = 2$. Suppose for contradiction that we have a nonzero element $f \in M_2$. By adjusting f by a constant multiple, the previous tells us we have $fE_4 = E_6$. However, a computation shows $E_4(e^{2\pi i/3}) = 0$, which would Δ has a zero in \mathbb{H} , which we know is false. ■

Our next goal is to make a discussion of L -functions.

Definition 31 (L -function). For $f \in M_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ with Fourier expansion $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n$, we define

$$L(s, f) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}.$$

We should probably check that this converges.

Proposition 32. For $f \in S_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ with Fourier expansion $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n$. Then $|a_n| = O(n^{k/2})$.

Proof. A direct computation shows that $|f(z)(\mathrm{Im} z)^{k/2}|$ is $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant; because f is a cusp form, we see that $|f(z)(\mathrm{Im} z)^{k/2}|$ is bounded on \mathbb{H} by some constant C . Now, for any $y \in \mathbb{R}$, we see

$$|a_n| e^{-2\pi n y} = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} f(x + iy) e^{-2\pi i n x} dx \right| \leq \int_0^1 |f(x + iy)| dx \leq C y^{-k/2}.$$

Choosing $y = 1/n$ completes the proof. ■

Remark 33. In general, we know we can write $f = f_0 + cE_k$ for cusp form f_0 , so our computation of the Fourier expansion of E_k reveals that

Thus, $L(s, f)$ converges for $\mathrm{Re} s$ sufficiently large. Here is our functional equation.

Theorem 34. For $f \in M_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$, define

$$\Lambda(s, f) := (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) L(s, f).$$

Then Λ has a meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} and satisfies the functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, f) = (-1)^{k/2} \Lambda(k - s, f).$$

Proof. Summing the identity

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} e^{-2\pi n y} y^s \frac{dy}{y} = (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) n^{-s}$$

for $n \geq 1$ shows that

$$\Lambda(s, f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} f(iy) y^s \frac{dy}{y}.$$

The result now follows because $f(iy) = (-1)^{k/2} y^{-k} = f(i/y)$ by the modularity of f . ■

2 June 14th

Today we plan on covering §1.4–1.5.

2.1 Hecke Operators

Following Bump, we begin by discussing Hecke operators for $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and then will discuss Hecke operators for different level in remarks later.

Notation 35. Fix a positive integer k . Given holomorphic $f: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\gamma := \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ with $\deg \gamma > 0$, we define $f|_\gamma: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$(f|_\gamma)(z) := (\det \gamma)^{k/2} (cz + d)^{-k} f(\gamma \cdot z).$$

One can check that this creates a right action of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})^+$ on holomorphic functions $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

One would like to know that this action sends modular forms to modular forms, but this has the nasty side effect of adjusting level. Nonetheless, one can check a congruence subgroup $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ continues to make the conjugate $\gamma^{-1}\Gamma\gamma \cap \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ a congruence subgroup for any $\gamma \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+$.¹ From here, one can indeed check that f being a modular form for a congruence subgroup Γ of weight k makes $f|_\gamma$ continue to be a modular form for the congruence subgroup $\gamma^{-1}\Gamma\gamma \cap \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ of weight k .

We will spend most of the rest of this subsection in level 1, so we set $\Gamma := \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ until stated otherwise. Our construction of Hecke operators will rest on certain double coset computations, which we now carry out.

Lemma 36. Fix $\gamma \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+$. Then

$$\left| \frac{\Gamma\gamma\Gamma}{\Gamma} \right| = \left| \frac{\Gamma}{\gamma^{-1}\Gamma\gamma \cap \Gamma} \right|,$$

which is finite.

Proof. Note that the right-hand side is in fact finite because $\gamma^{-1}\Gamma\gamma \cap \Gamma$ is a congruence subgroup, so it suffices to compute

$$\frac{\Gamma\gamma\Gamma}{\Gamma} \cong \frac{\Gamma\gamma\Gamma\gamma^{-1}}{\Gamma} \cong \frac{\gamma\Gamma\gamma^{-1}}{\Gamma \cap \gamma\Gamma\gamma^{-1}} \cong \frac{\Gamma}{\gamma^{-1}\Gamma\gamma \cap \Gamma},$$

as required. ■

Definition 37 (Hecke operator). Fix a modular form f of weight k and level $\Gamma = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. For each $\alpha \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+$, we define the *Hecke operator*

$$f|T_\alpha := \sum_{\Gamma\gamma \subseteq \Gamma\alpha\Gamma} f|_\gamma.$$

Note T_α only depends on $\Gamma\alpha\Gamma$, so we let \mathcal{R} denote the free abelian group generated by $\{T_\alpha\}_{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma}$.

¹ The corresponding level depends on α and Γ .

Modularity of f implies that the choice of representatives γ for $\Gamma\gamma \subseteq \Gamma\alpha\Gamma$ does not matter. In fact, for any $\gamma' \in \Gamma$, we see that applying $f|T_\alpha|_{\gamma'}$ merely rearranges right cosets in the sum and thus just equals $f|_{\gamma'}|T_\alpha$, meaning $f|T_\alpha$ will continue to be a modular form of weight k .

As suggested by the letter \mathcal{R} , we would like to define a ring structure. Unsurprisingly, this will be by composition. A direct computation reveals that

$$f|T_\alpha|T_\beta = \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+ / \Gamma} m(\alpha, \beta, \sigma) f|T_\sigma,$$

where

$$m(\alpha, \beta, \sigma) := \#\{(\Gamma\alpha', \Gamma\beta') : \sigma \in \Gamma\alpha'\beta'\}.$$

(Importantly, one must check that $m(\alpha, \beta, \sigma)$ only depends on $\Gamma\sigma\Gamma$, for example.) Thus, we may extrapolate a definition of $T_\alpha \cdot T_\beta$ from the right-hand side above. A direct computation shows that this multiplication is associative, so we get a (a priori non-commutative) ring; the identity is T_{I_2} . (This is not immediate from composition being commutative, sadly.)

We would like to show that \mathcal{R} is commutative. Approximately speaking \mathcal{R} is the convolution algebra on $\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+ / \Gamma$, so this will be done by providing an anti-involution on the level of these double cosets. As such, we want to understand these double cosets more.

Lemma 38. We have

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+ / \Gamma = \left\{ \Gamma \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \\ & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \Gamma : d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{Q}, \frac{d_1}{d_2} \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}.$$

Proof. For $\alpha \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+$, we need to show that $\Gamma\alpha\Gamma$ has a unique representative in the required form. Existence follows by putting (some positive integer multiple of) α into Smith normal form. Uniqueness follows by a direct computation of what elements of $\Gamma \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \\ & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \Gamma$ look like. ■

Proposition 39. The Hecke algebra \mathcal{R} is commutative.

Proof. We must show that $m(\alpha, \beta; \sigma) = m(\beta, \alpha; \sigma)$. It is enough to show that $m(\alpha, \beta; \sigma) = m(\beta, \alpha; \sigma^\top)$ because $T_\sigma = T_{\sigma^\top}$ by selecting the representative σ to be diagonal (via the above lemma).

It will be useful to have some explicit representatives for Lemma 36. Begin with any choice of representatives $\{\alpha_i\}$, and then replace a given α_i with an element of $\Gamma\alpha_i \cap \alpha_i^\top\Gamma$ so that

$$\Gamma\alpha\Gamma = \bigcup_i \Gamma\alpha_i = \bigcup_i \alpha_i\Gamma.$$

We similarly set $\{\beta_j\}$ and $\{\sigma_k\}$ for representatives for Lemma 36. Then

$$\{(i, j) : \sigma \in \Gamma\alpha_i\beta_j\Gamma\} = \sum_k m(\alpha, \beta; \sigma_k) = \left| \frac{\Gamma\sigma\Gamma}{\Gamma} \right| m(\alpha, \beta; \sigma).$$

We now take $\alpha \mapsto \alpha^\top$ and $\beta \mapsto \beta^\top$ on the left-hand side to see that $m(\alpha, \beta; \sigma) = m(\beta, \alpha; \sigma^\top)$. ■

Notation 40. Now that our Hecke operators are commutative, we will choose to write T_α on the left, writing $T_\alpha f$ for $f|T_\alpha$.

We next show that these Hecke operators are self-adjoint. This requires an inner product.

Definition 41 (Petersson inner product). Fix cusp forms f and g of weight k and some level $\Gamma(N)$. Then we define

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \frac{1}{[\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma(N)]} \int_{\Gamma(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}} f(z) \overline{g(z)} y^k \frac{dx dy}{y^2}.$$

One can check that f and g being modular forms implies that the integral is well-defined. Being a cusp form implies that the integral converges (in particular, it will vanish rapidly approaching any cusp of the compact space $\Gamma(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}^*$).

Proposition 42. Each operator $T_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}$ is self-adjoint with respect to the Petersson inner product.

Proof. Fix cusp forms f and g and some $\alpha \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q})^+$. Light rearrangement verifies $\langle f|_\alpha, g \rangle = \langle f, g|_{\alpha^{-1}} \rangle$. For example, this implies that the computed inner product only depends on the ambient double coset $\Gamma\alpha\Gamma$. As such, we compute

$$\langle T_\alpha f, g \rangle = \left| \frac{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma}{\Gamma} \right| \langle f|_\alpha, g \rangle,$$

and we can now move the α over to g and rearrange everything back into $\langle f, T_\alpha g \rangle$ after a little work. ■

Thus, \mathcal{R} becomes a commutative family of self-adjoint operators acting on the finite-dimensional vector space $S_k(\Gamma)$, so the operators in \mathcal{R} are simultaneously diagonalizable by a basis of “Hecke eigenforms.”

Our last goal is to show that $L(f, s)$ for Hecke eigenforms f admit Euler products. For this, we will use a special subset of Hecke operators.

Notation 43. For positive integer n , we define

$$T_n := \sum_{\substack{d_1 d_2 = n \\ d_2 | d_1}} T_{\mathrm{diag}(d_1, d_2)}.$$

Letting $\Delta_n \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{2 \times 2}$ be the subset with determinant n , the proof of Lemma 38 implies

$$T_n f = \sum_{\Gamma\delta \subseteq \Delta_n} f|_\delta.$$

Let’s compute some representatives.

Lemma 44. For positive integer n , we have

$$\Delta_n = \bigsqcup_{\substack{a, d > 0 \\ ad = n \\ 0 \leq b < d}} \Gamma \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & \end{bmatrix}.$$

Proof. The backward inclusion is clear. The union being disjoint is a direct computation. Lastly, the forward inclusion follows by picking up some element of Δ_n and doing row-reduction to adjust the bottom-left entry. ■

We now compute the behavior of T_n .

Lemma 45. For a cusp form f of weight k and level Γ with Fourier expansion $f = \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^m$, we have

$$T_n f = \sum_{m \geq 1} \left(\sum_{\substack{ad = n \\ a | m}} \left(\frac{a}{d} \right)^{k/2} da_{md/a} \right) q^m.$$

Proof. Direct expansion with the above lemma shows

$$T_n f(z) = \sum_{\substack{ad=n \\ 0 \leq b < d}} \sum_{m \geq 1} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^k a_m e^{2\pi i m(az/d)} e^{2\pi i m(b/d)}.$$

Now, we sum over b and rearrange the sum into the desired result. ■

Lemma 46. Fix a nonzero cusp Hecke eigenform f of weight k where the operator T_n has eigenvalue $n^{1-k/2}\lambda_n$ for some function λ . Give f the Fourier expansion $f = \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^m$.

- (a) $a_1 \neq 1$.
- (b) If $a_1 = 1$, then $\lambda_m = a_m$ for all $m \geq 1$.
- (c) If $a_1 = 1$, then the function a_\bullet is multiplicative.

Proof. Using the previous lemma, we see that

$$n^{1-k/2}\lambda_n a_m = \sum_{\substack{ad=n \\ a|m}} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^{k/2} d a_{md/a}. \quad (2.1)$$

If $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then the sum must have $(a, d) = (1, n)$, so the sum collapses to $\lambda_n a_m = a_{mn}$. The result follows. ■

And here is our result.

Theorem 47. Fix a nonzero cusp Hecke eigenform f of weight k . Give f the Fourier expansion $f = \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^m$, scaled so that $a_1 = 1$. Then

$$L(s, f) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{k-1-2s}}.$$

Proof. The previous lemma yields

$$L(s, f) = \prod_p \left(\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} A(p^\nu) p^{-\nu s} \right),$$

so we want to compute this infinite sum. Well, (2.1) provides the two-term recurrence

$$a_{p^{\nu+1}} - a_p a_{p^\nu} + p^{k-1} a_{p^{\nu-1}} = 0,$$

from which we can evaluate the sum. ■

Let us conclude by saying a little about Hecke operators attached to congruence subgroups $\Gamma(n)$. We require two important congruence subgroups.

Definition 48. For positive integer N , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_0(N) &:= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}, \\ \Gamma_1(N) &:= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : a, d \equiv 1 \pmod{N}, c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note $\Gamma(N) \subseteq \Gamma_1(N) \subseteq \Gamma_0(N)$.

It will be helpful to be able to twist a modular form by a Dirichlet character.

Definition 49. For a weight k and positive integer N , we define

$$M_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi) := \left\{ f \in M_k(\Gamma_0(N)) : f|_\gamma = \chi(d)f \text{ for } \gamma = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N) \right\}.$$

In the sequel, we abbreviate $\chi(d)$ to $\chi(\gamma)$. We define $S_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$ analogously.

Now, one can show that our characters produce an orthogonal decomposition

$$S_k(\Gamma_1(N)) = \bigoplus_{\chi \pmod{N}} S_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi).$$

As such, it suffices to define Hecke operators on the spaces $M_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$ and reassemble later. One does this essentially by doing double coset computations with $\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_N)^+ / \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, where \mathbb{Z}_N refers to the localization. The arguments of the above theory more or less goes through.

2.2 Twisting

We are going to discuss a few converse theorems. The proofs are rather technical, so (as usual) we will not include them in any nontrivial detail.

The moral of the story is that we produced a functional equation for our L -function by taking the Mellin transform of a functional equation of a modular form. Morally, one should be able to take the functional equation for the L -function and then take the inverse Mellin transform to recover the functional equation of a modular form. In particular, an L -function satisfying a suitable functional equation will then be forced to arise from a modular form!

Following Bump, we will sketch two results of this type.

Theorem 50. Fix a nonnegative integer k and a sequence $\{a_m\}_{m \geq 1}$ be a sequence of complex numbers of polynomial growth, and define

$$L(s) := \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n^s}.$$

Assume the following.

- (a) Analytic continuation: $\Lambda(s) := (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) L(s, f)$ has an analytic continuation to all $s \in \mathbb{C}$.
- (b) Bounded: $\Lambda(s, f)$ is bounded in vertical strips $\{s : \sigma_1 \leq \mathrm{Re} s \leq \sigma_2\}$.
- (c) Functional equation: we have $\Lambda(s) = (-1)^{k/2} \Lambda(k - s)$.

Then $f := \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^m$ lives in $S_k(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$.

Remark 51. By controlling the pole produced by a modular form which is not a cusp form, one can state a similar result valid for modular forms.

As outlined above, we want two lemmas.

Lemma 52. For continuous $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, we note that the Mellin transform

$$\mathcal{M}f(s) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \varphi(y) y^s \frac{dy}{y}$$

is converges absolutely on some vertical strip $\{s : \sigma_1 \leq \mathrm{Re} s \leq \sigma_2\}$. Then for σ in this strip, we see

$$\varphi(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathrm{Re} s = \sigma} \varphi(s) y^{-s} ds.$$

Proof. Bump proves this by relating the Mellin transform to the Fourier transform (which can be done via the isomorphism $\exp: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ of topological groups) and then appealing Fourier inversion. One can also prove this in the same way as the Fourier inversion formula. ■

Lemma 53 (Phragmén–Lindelöf). Fix a function f holomorphic on some strip $\{s : \sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re} s \leq \sigma_2, \operatorname{Im} s > c\}$ and satisfying a growth condition $f(\sigma + it) = O(e^{t^\alpha})$ (as $t \rightarrow \infty$) for some real α . Then if $f(\sigma + it) = O(t^M)$ (as $t \rightarrow \infty$) for $\sigma \in \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$, then the same bound holds uniformly for $\sigma \in [\sigma_1, \sigma_2]$.

Proof. By replacing f with $f(s)/s^M$, we may assume that $M = 0$. Without loss of generality, we may take t large so that the desired strip occupies a small sector of \mathbb{C} . By shifting and dividing up $[\sigma_1, \sigma_2]$, we may assume that $\sigma_2 > 0$ is small and $\sigma_1 = -\sigma_2$. The point is that our arguments are close to $\pi/2$, so we choose $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ of moderate size so that $m \arg s \approx \pi$ for desired s . Now, for small $\varepsilon > 0$, we consider

$$g_\varepsilon(s) := f(s)e^{\varepsilon s^m}.$$

One can show that $g_\varepsilon(s)$ is bounded on a rectangle determined by the constraints of f , so one receives a bound on f by taking $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$. ■

We now prove Theorem 50.

Proof of Theorem 50. Define f as in the conclusion, and we want to show that $f \in S_k(\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$. (The polynomial growth condition on a_\bullet is included so that $L(s)$ converges for $\operatorname{Re} s$ large.) Note f has a Fourier expansion, so $f(z+1) = f(z)$ already; it is thus sufficient to check the functional equation for $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. By analytic continuation, we may check the functional equation for $iy \in i\mathbb{R}^+$. Now, we recall that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} f(iy)y^s \frac{dy}{y} = \Lambda(s),$$

so Mellin inversion (Lemma 52) yields

$$f(iy) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\operatorname{Re} s = \sigma} \Lambda(s)y^{-s} ds.$$

Now, we use the functional equation to replace s with $k - s$. Note Λ exhibits rapid decay for $\operatorname{Re} s$ very large and very small, so Lemma 53 tells us that we exhibit this rapid decay uniformly on any vertical strip $\{s : \sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re} s \leq \sigma_2\}$. The point is that we don't have to worry about convergence issues, so we send $k - s \mapsto -s$, from the modularity of f follows. ■

Remark 54. In fact, if $L(s)$ further admits an Euler product of the form

$$L(s) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{k-1-2s}},$$

then f is a Hecke eigenform. The point is that the Euler product implies a particular recursion among the Fourier coefficients, from which one can use Lemma 45 to show that we have a Hecke operator with the expected Hecke eigenvalues.

Our next converse theorem, due to Weil, requires us to twist our modular forms by Dirichlet characters. In particular, we will deduce our converse theorem from twisted functional equations.

Notation 55. For $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N), \psi)$ with Fourier expansion $f = \sum_{m \geq 1} a_m q^m$ and Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{D}$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} f_\chi(z) &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n) a_n q^n, \\ L(s, f, \chi) &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n) a_n}{n^s}, \\ \Lambda(s, f, \chi) &:= (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) L(s, f, \chi). \end{aligned}$$

Technically, one does not require f to be a modular form.

Here is our functional equation.

Proposition 56. Fix $f, g \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N))$ and primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \pmod{D}$ such that $\gcd(N, D) = 1$. If $f = g|_{w_N}$ where $w_N := \begin{bmatrix} & 1 \\ N & \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$\Lambda(s, f, \chi) = i^k \chi(N) \psi(D) \frac{\tau(\chi)^2}{D} (D^2 N)^{-s+k/2} \cdot \Lambda(k-s, g, \bar{\chi}).$$

Proof. Note that w_N normalizes $\Gamma_0(N)$, so our hypothesis at least makes sense. A discrete Fourier transform shows

$$f_\chi = \frac{\chi(-1)\tau(\chi)}{D} \sum_{m \in (\mathbb{Z}/D\mathbb{Z})^\times} \bar{\chi}(m) f|_{\begin{bmatrix} D & \\ & m \end{bmatrix}}.$$

For example, one can use some rearrangement to show that this implies

$$\begin{aligned} f_\chi|_{\begin{bmatrix} & 1 \\ D^2 N & \end{bmatrix}} &= \chi(N) \frac{\tau(\chi)}{D} \sum_{r \in (\mathbb{Z}/D\mathbb{Z})^\times} \chi(r) g|_{\begin{bmatrix} D & -r \\ -Nm & s \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} D & r \\ & D \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \chi(N) \psi(D) \frac{\tau(\chi)^2}{D} \cdot g_{\bar{\chi}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, in the usual way, plug in iy into this equation and apply the Mellin transform to conclude. ■

One would like a converse theorem from these functional equations.

Theorem 57 (Weil). Fix a positive integer N and Dirichlet character $\psi \pmod{N}$. Further, fix sequences of complex $\{a_m\}$ and $\{b_m\}$ exhibiting polynomial growth, and define the functions $f := \sum_m a_m q^m$ and $g := \sum_m b_m q^m$ so that we can define $L(s, f, \chi)$ and so on as usual. Lastly, fix a finite set of primes S (including the prime divisors of N), and we assume the following for all Dirichlet characters χ with conductor D or a prime not in S .

- (a) Analytic continuation: $\Lambda(s, f, \chi)$ and $\Lambda(s, g, \bar{\chi})$ has an analytic continuation to all $s \in \mathbb{C}$.
- (b) Bounded: $\Lambda(s, f, \chi)$ and $\Lambda(s, g, \bar{\chi})$ are bounded in vertical strips.
- (c) Functional equation: we have

$$\Lambda(s, f, \chi) = i^k \chi(N) \psi(D) \frac{\tau(\chi)^2}{D} (D^2 N)^{-s+k/2} \Lambda(s, g, \bar{\chi}).$$

Then $f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N), \psi)$.

Proof. Several pages of manipulation of 2×2 matrices. The primary difficulty is that $\Gamma_0(N)$ may potentially have lots of generators, so the same proof technique will not work verbatim. Nonetheless, redoing the proof of Theorem 50 does imply

$$f_\chi|_{[D^{2N} \ -1]} = \chi(N)\psi(D)\frac{\tau(\chi)^2}{D} \cdot g_{\bar{\chi}}.$$

One now does a lengthy computation to bootstrap this into the required result. ■

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Today we plan on covering §1.6–1.7.

3.1 The Rankin–Selberg Method

In short, the Rankin–Selberg method integrates some automorphic form by an Eisenstein series to produce certain L -functions which provably desirable properties. As such, we begin by discussing our required Eisenstein series.

Definition 58 (Eisenstein series). For $z \in \mathbb{H}$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$, we define the *Eisenstein series*

$$E(z, s) := \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \\ (m,n) \neq (0,0)}} \frac{y^s}{|mz + n|^{2s}}.$$

This series converges absolutely for $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$ and thus descends to a holomorphic map on $z \in \operatorname{Sl}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}$.

We will require a functional equation for E (in addition to some growth properties). Our approach will proceed by computing the Fourier coefficients of E , a notion which makes sense because $E(z+1, s) = E(z)$, for which we will use Bessel functions.

Definition 59 (Bessel function). For $s \in \mathbb{C}$ and $y > 0$, we define the *Macdonald Bessel function*

$$K_s(y) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} e^{-y(t+t^{-1})/2} t^s \frac{dt}{t}.$$

This series converges (rapidly) for $y > 0$. Note $K_s(y) = K_{-s}(y)$.

Remark 60. Let's provide a basic bound. For $y > 4$, one sees $e^{-y(t+t^{-1})/2} < e^{-y/2} e^{t+t^{-1}}$, so integrating proves

$$|K_s(y)| \leq e^{-y/2} K_{\operatorname{Re} s}(2).$$

The following is the main reason for introducing Bessel functions.

Lemma 61. For $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re} s > 1/2$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\left(\frac{y}{\pi}\right)^s \Gamma(s) \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x^2 + y^2)^{-s} e^{2\pi i r x} dx = \begin{cases} \pi^{-s+1/2} \Gamma(s-1/2) y^{1-s} & \text{if } r = 0, \\ 2 |r|^{s-1/2} \sqrt{y} K_{s-1/2}(2\pi |r| y) & \text{if } r \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We let L denote the left-hand side. Expanding our $\Gamma(s)$ and interchanging integrals, we see

$$L = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\pi t(x^2+y^2)/y} e^{2\pi i r x} dx}_{\sqrt{y/t} e^{-t\pi r^2/t}} t^s \frac{dt}{t},$$

where the inner integral is computed as the Fourier transform of a Gaussian. Casework on r now completes the proof. ■

Proposition 62. Write $E(z, s) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} q_r(y, s) e^{2\pi i r x}$. Then

$$a_r(y, s) = \begin{cases} \pi^{-s} \gamma(s) \zeta(2s) y^s + \pi^{s-1} \Gamma(1-s) \zeta(2-2s) y^{1-s} & \text{if } r = 0, \\ 2 |r|^{s-1/2} \sigma_{1-2s}(|r|) \sqrt{y} K_{s-1/2}(2\pi |r| y) & \text{if } r \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. We are tasked with computing

$$a_r(y, s) = \int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} E(x + iy) e^{-2\pi i r x} dx = \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) y^s \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \\ (m,n) \neq (0,0)}} \frac{e^{-2\pi i r x}}{|m(x + iy) + n|^{2s}} dx.$$

If $m = 0$, then we only get contribution when $r = 0$, in which case we total to $\pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) \zeta(2s) y^s$. If $m \neq 0$, then our contribution comes out to

$$\pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) y^s \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^1 \frac{e^{2\pi i r x} ((mx + n)^2 + m^2 y^2)^s}{|m(x + iy) + n|^{2s}} dx.$$

Sending $x \mapsto x - n/m$ and then isolating a sum over $\sum_n e^{2\pi i r n/m}$ shows we get

$$\pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) y^s \sum_{m|r} m^{1-2s} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x^2 + y^2)^{-s} e^{2\pi i r x} dx.$$

Plugging into Lemma 61 and totaling contributions completes the proof. ■

Corollary 63. The function $E(z, s)$ admits a meromorphic continuation to $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with at worst simple poles only at $s \in \{0, 1\}$. Further, we have the functional equation $E(z, s) = E(z, 1-s)$ and growth condition $E(x + iy, s) = O(y^\sigma)$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$ and $\operatorname{Re} s \in [1 - \sigma, \sigma]$.

Proof. The analytic continuation follows from examining the Fourier series in Proposition 62; notably a_0 has poles only at $s \in \{0, 1\}$, and otherwise the series converges rapidly (use Remark 60). The functional equation also follows from Fourier series upon checking that $a_n(y, s) = a_n(y, 1-s)$. ■

For the application, it will be useful to have a different series expansion for E . Instead of summing over $(m, n) \neq (0, 0)$, we sum (Nc, Nd) where $N > 0$ and $(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ with $\gcd(c, d) = 1$. A computation shows

$$\frac{y^s}{|mz + n|^{2s}} = N^{-2s} \operatorname{Im} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} z \right)^s,$$

so we let $\Gamma_\infty := \{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ denote the stabilizer of ∞ in $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Thus,

$$E(z, s) = \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) \zeta(2s) \sum_{\gamma \in \overline{\Gamma_\infty} \setminus \operatorname{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})},$$

where $\overline{\Gamma_\infty}$ denotes the image of Γ_∞ in $\operatorname{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Now here is our result.

Proposition 64. Fix a smooth function $\varphi: \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\varphi(x + iy) = O(y^{-N})$ for all $N > 0$. Write $\varphi(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_n(y) e^{2\pi i n x}$ for the resulting Fourier series. Then we define

$$\Lambda(s) := \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) \zeta(2s) \mathcal{M} \varphi_0(s-1).$$

Then in fact

$$\Lambda(s) = \int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}} E(z, s) \varphi(z) \frac{dx dy}{y^2},$$

so $\Lambda(s)$ admits a meromorphic continuation with at worst simple poles at $s \in \{0, 1\}$.

Proof. Note the integral in $\mathcal{M} \varphi_0(s)$ converges absolutely for $\mathrm{Re} s > 0$ by the growth condition on φ_0 , so Λ starts out holomorphic in some right-half plane. Note that the meromorphic continuation will follow from the corresponding facts about E (and rapid decay for φ) via Corollary 63 as soon as we verify the integral representation. For $\mathrm{Re} s > 1$, we use the discussion preceding the proposition to see that the integral equals

$$\pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) \zeta(2s) \int_{\Gamma_\infty \backslash \mathbb{H}} (\mathrm{Im} z)^s \varphi(z) \frac{dx dy}{y^s}$$

after summing over γ . Taking $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^+ \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ as a fundamental domain for $\Gamma_\infty \backslash \mathbb{H}$ completes the proof. ■

We now plug in some φ_0 of some interest.

Theorem 65. Fix cuspidal normalized Hecke eigenforms f and g of weight k and level $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Then we get Fourier series $f(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n q^n$ and $g(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n q^n$. Define

$$\begin{aligned} L(s, f \times g) &:= \zeta(2s - 2k + 2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n n^{-s}, \\ \Lambda(s, f \times g) &:= (2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) \Gamma(s - k + 1) L(s, f \times g). \end{aligned}$$

Then $\Lambda(s, f \times g)$ admits a meromorphic continuation to all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ with at worst simple poles at $s \in \{k, k-1\}$ and satisfies the functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, f \times g) = \Lambda(2k - 1 - s, f \times g).$$

Proof. We will apply Proposition 64 to $\varphi_0(z) := f(z) \overline{g(z)} (\mathrm{Im} z)^k$. The growth condition is satisfied because f and g are cuspidal, and this descends to a map on $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}$ because f and g are modular forms. A direct expansion with the Fourier expansion of f and g shows

$$\varphi_0(y) = \sum_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^1 a_n \overline{b_m} e^{2\pi i n x - 2\pi i m y - 2\pi i m x - 2\pi i m y} y^k dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n e^{-4\pi n y} y^k$$

upon integrating and noting $b_n \in \mathbb{R}$ because they are eigenvalues of a self-adjoint operator. From here, we can compute the Mellin transform as

$$\mathcal{M} \varphi_0(s) = (4\pi)^{-s-k} \Gamma(s+k) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n n^{-s-k}.$$

Shifting s , we see $\Lambda(s-k+1) = \pi^{k-1} \Lambda(s, f \times g)$, from which the result follows from Proposition 64. ■

We conclude, in passing, by noting that $L(s, f \times g)$ even admits an Euler product. In the setting of the above theorem, factor

$$1 - a_p T + p^{k-1} T^2 = (1 - \alpha_{1p} X) (1 - \alpha_{2p} X),$$

and define β_{1p} and β_{2p} similarly. We will show that

$$L(s, f \times g) = \prod_p \prod_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_i(p)\beta_j(p)p^{-s}}.$$

Attempting to match up Euler factors on either side, we recall that

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} a_{p^\nu} T^\nu = \frac{1}{1 - a_p T + p^{k-1} T^2} \quad (3.1)$$

and similarly for b_{p^ν} , so we are essentially tasked with showing

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} a_{p^\nu} b_{p^\nu} T^\nu \stackrel{?}{=} (1 - \alpha_{p1} \alpha_{p2} \beta_{p1} \beta_{p2} T^2) \prod_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_{pi} \beta_{pj} T}.$$

This is some purely formal algebraic identity. Bump proves this by clever contour integration by considering

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \left(\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} a_{p^\nu} (Tq)^\nu \right) \left(\sum_{\mu=0}^{\infty} b_{p^\mu} q^{-\mu} \right) \frac{dq}{q},$$

where the contour γ is positively oriented around the origin. Expanding the product of the sums produces the desired series over $a_{p^\nu} b_{p^\nu}$; using (3.1) produces an integral which can be evaluated using residue calculus.

3.2 Hecke Characters and Hilbert Modular Forms

We will generalize modular forms and zeta functions away from \mathbb{Q} to certain number fields. In particular, let F be a totally real number field of degree n , and let $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n: F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the real embeddings. Eventually, we will want to have $h^+(F) = 1$, which concretely means that any ideal has a totally positive generator; however, we will state when this assumption is used. For more notation, we let \mathfrak{d} denote the different of F , and let D denote the discriminant.

The theory is best stated in terms of characters of idèles, but we would rather not spend the time required to set up these objects. Instead, we will write everything ideal-theoretically, and instead of working with ideals directly, we will work with explicit field elements whenever possible. As such, many of our arguments requiring checking that certain concepts are independent of units, so we want the following structure theorem.

Theorem 66. Fix F as above. Then \mathcal{O}_F^\times is finitely generated. In fact, the map

$$\alpha \mapsto (\log \rho_1(\alpha), \dots, \log \rho_n(\alpha))$$

is an isomorphism of $\mathcal{O}_F^\times / \{\pm 1\}$ onto a lattice of rank $(n-1)$ inside the trace-zero hyperplane of \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof. This is a special case of the Dirichlet unit theorem. ■

Generalizing Dirichlet characters, we define Hecke characters.

Definition 67 (Hecke character). Fix an ideal $\mathfrak{f} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F$, and let $\chi_{\mathfrak{f}}: (\mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{f})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ be a character. Then we extend $\chi_{\mathfrak{f}}$ to a character on \mathcal{O}_F by taking the value 0 whenever the input is not coprime with \mathfrak{f} . To make this a character on principal ideals, we must adjust $\chi_{\mathfrak{a}}$ to be trivial on \mathcal{O}_F^\times , so we define $\chi := \chi_{\mathfrak{a}} \chi_{\infty}$, where χ_{∞} is chosen so that $\chi|_{\mathcal{O}_F^\times} = 1$ and

$$\chi_{\infty}(a) = \prod_{i=1}^n \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma_i(a))^{\varepsilon_i} |\sigma_i(a)|^{\nu_i}$$

for some ε_i 's and ν_i 's. As usual, we say that χ is *primitive* if and only if it is not induced by some \mathfrak{f}' dividing \mathfrak{f} ; we say that \mathfrak{f} is then the *conductor* of χ .

Remark 68. Let's explain how to select χ_∞ . Choose the ε_\bullet 's so that χ is trivial on \mathcal{O}_F^+ . Then select a basis of \mathcal{O}_F^+ and write down equations which will make χ trivial on the basis.

As with Dirichlet characters, we have a notion of Gauss sum.

Definition 69 (Gauss sum). Fix a Hecke character χ of conductor \mathfrak{f} . Suppose $\mathfrak{d} = (d)$ and $\mathfrak{f} = (f)$ where $d, f \in \mathcal{O}_F$ are totally positive. Then we define the *Gauss sum*

$$\tau(\chi_{\mathfrak{f}}) := \sum_{a \in \mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{f}} \chi_{\mathfrak{f}}(a) e^{2\pi i \operatorname{tr}(a/(fd))}.$$

Importantly, $\tau(\chi_{\mathfrak{f}})$ depends on d and f despite the notation not reflecting this.

We now may define our L -function. For a (primitive) Hecke character χ , we define the L -function

$$L(s, \chi) := \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F} \frac{\chi(\mathfrak{a})}{N(\mathfrak{a})^{-s}},$$

which we note has the usual Euler product $\prod_{\mathfrak{p}} (1 - \chi(\mathfrak{p}) N(\mathfrak{p})^{-s})^{-1}$.

Example 70. If χ is the trivial character, then we set $\zeta_F := L(s, 1)$ to be the Dedekind ζ -function. For example, if F is real quadratic, we let χ_D be the quadratic character with conductor $|D|$. Noting that prime-splitting behavior in \mathcal{O}_F is determined by χ_D , one can show that

$$\zeta_F(s) = \zeta(s) L(s, \chi_D)$$

by comparing Euler factors.

Here is our analytic continuation and functional equation.

Theorem 71. Fix notation as above, and suppose $h^+(F) = 1$. Then define

$$\Lambda(s, \chi) := D^{s/2} \pi^{-ns/2} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{s - \nu_i + \varepsilon_i}{2}\right) L(s, \chi).$$

Then $\Lambda(s, \chi)$ has a meromorphic continuation to all s with at worst simple poles at $s \in \{0, 1\}$. There is a functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, \chi) = \frac{\chi_{\mathfrak{f}}(-1) \chi_{\infty}(fd) \tau(\chi_{\mathfrak{f}})}{\sqrt{N(\mathfrak{f})}} \cdot i^{\operatorname{tr} \varepsilon} N(\mathfrak{f})^{-s+1/2} \Lambda(1-s, \chi^{-1}).$$

Proof. This proof is a direct generalization of the proof for Dirichlet characters. We describe the required ingredients for the generalization. We require a Fourier transformation for functions h on $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n$, for which we take as

$$\mathcal{F}h(x) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h(y) e^{2\pi i \operatorname{tr}(xy/d)} dy,$$

a formula more or less arising from the theory of locally compact abelian groups. For Schwartz functions, Proposition 11 now generalizes to the statement

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{O}_F} h(a) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{O}_F} \mathcal{F}h(a),$$

and Corollary 12 generalizes to

$$\tau(\overline{\chi}_f) \sum_{a \in \mathcal{O}_F} \chi_f(a) F(a) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{O}_F} \overline{\chi}_f(a) \mathcal{F}h(a/f)$$

using Fourier analysis on $\mathcal{O}_F/\mathfrak{f}$. Now, one computes the Fourier transform of the corresponding Gaussian $x \mapsto N(x^\varepsilon) e^{-\pi \operatorname{tr}(tx^2/d)}$ (where $N(x)$ means multiplying the coordinates).

With our Fourier analysis properly set up, we define

$$\Theta_{\chi_f}(t) := \sum_{a \in \mathcal{O}_F} \chi_f(a) N(a)^\varepsilon e^{-\pi \operatorname{tr}(ta^2/d)},$$

from which Poisson summation produces the functional equation

$$\Theta_{\chi_f}(t) = \frac{1}{\tau(\overline{\chi}_f)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N(t)}} N((i/ft)^\varepsilon) \Theta_{\overline{\chi}_f}\left(\frac{1}{f^2 t}\right).$$

Now, for $\operatorname{Re} s$ sufficiently large, one computes the Mellin transform

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+}/\mathcal{O}_F^+} \Theta_{\chi_f}(t) N\left(t^{(s+\varepsilon-\nu)/2}\right) \frac{N(dt)}{N(t)} = 2\pi^{-\operatorname{tr} \varepsilon} N\left(d^{(\varepsilon-\nu)/2}\right) \Lambda(s, \chi),$$

from which the functional equation and meromorphic continuation follow from the corresponding properties of Θ . (If χ is trivial, then the integral does not actually converge for enough s , so we need to subtract out the pole before taking the Mellin transform to produce the meromorphic continuation.) ■

We now turn our attention to Hilbert modular forms. We will write $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to refer to n -tuple of matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Then we note that $\operatorname{SL}_2(F) \subseteq \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})^n$ has a sublattice $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_F) \subseteq \operatorname{SL}_2(F)$, which will inherit the natural action on \mathbb{H}^n . The action is discontinuous (roughly speaking, $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_F) \subseteq \operatorname{SL}_2(F)$ is cocompact), and the quotient has finite volume with respect to the invariant measure $dx dy/y^2$. The theory of complex manifolds allows us to compactify $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^n$, essentially by taking the quotient by $(\mathbb{H}^n)^* := \mathbb{H}^n \sqcup \mathbb{P}_F^1$. Importantly, the resulting quotient is an algebraic complex variety, but it need not be smooth.

We are now ready to define a Hilbert modular form. For the remainder of this subsection, we always take $h^+(F) = 1$.

Definition 72 (Hilbert modular form). Fix an even nonnegative integer k . A Hilbert modular form f of weight k is a holomorphic function $f: \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$f(z) = N(cz + d)^{-k} f(\gamma(z))$$

for all $\gamma \in \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathcal{O}_F)$.

Importantly, if $n \geq 2$, because f is holomorphic, it will turn out that f is automatically holomorphic on the cusps of \mathbb{H}^{n*} . (Approximately speaking, this is intuitively because being holomorphic outside a set of codimension at least 2 implies being holomorphic everywhere.)

Remark 73. Let f be a Hilbert modular form of weight k . Take $h^+(F) = 1$ so that we can write $\mathfrak{d} = (d)$ for totally positive d . Then $a \in \mathcal{O}_F$ has $f(z + a) = f(z)$, so f descends to a function on $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathcal{O}_F$. As such, Fourier analysis on $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathcal{O}_F$ produces the Fourier expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathcal{O}_F} a_\nu e^{2\pi i \operatorname{tr}(\nu z/d)}.$$

It turns out that $a_\nu = 0$ unless ν is zero or is totally positive. In fact, $a_\nu = a_{\varepsilon\nu}$ for any totally positive unit ε by writing the totally positive unit ε as a square. (This uses $h^+(F) = 1$.)

The previous remark tells us that a_\bullet descends from a function on \mathcal{O}_F to a function on ideals. Thus, we define

$$L(s, f) := \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F} \frac{a_{\mathfrak{a}}}{N(\mathfrak{a})^s}.$$

One can prove a growth condition on the $a_{\mathfrak{a}}$, which promises that this converges for large $\operatorname{Re} s$.

Remark 74. We will not do this, but one can build a Hecke theory analogously to the case where $F = \mathbb{Q}$ in order to define a notion of a Hecke eigenform and prove a resulting Euler product.

Here is our functional equation.

Theorem 75. Continue supposing $h^+(F) = 1$, and let f denote a Hilbert modular cusp form of weight k , where k is an even nonnegative integer. Then define

$$\Lambda(s, f) := (2\pi)^{-ns} \Gamma(s)^n D^s L(s, f),$$

where we recall $D := \operatorname{disc} F$. Then $\Lambda(s, f)$ has an analytic continuation to all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ and satisfies

$$\Lambda(s, f) = (-1)^{nk/2} \Lambda(k - s, f).$$

Proof. The Fourier expansion of f and some rearranging is able to show that

$$\Lambda(s, f) = \int_{\mathcal{O}_F^+ \setminus \mathbb{R}^{n+}} f(iy) N(y)^s \frac{dy}{y}.$$

Notably, this integral is convergent for any s because f is a cusp form, so $y_\bullet \rightarrow \infty$ means that f rapidly decays, and $y_\bullet \rightarrow 0$ still makes f rapidly decay because

$$f(i/y) = (-1)^{nk/2} N(y)^k f(iy).$$

The above functional equation f in fact provides the functional equation for Λ . ■

We will spend the remainder of the chapter proving the following (quadratic) base-change result.

Theorem 76. Fix a real quadratic field F such that $h^+(F) = 1$, and set $D := \operatorname{disc} F$. If φ is a Hecke eigenform of weight k and level $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, then there is a unique Hilbert modular form f such that

$$L(s, f) = L(s, \varphi) L(s, \varphi, \chi_D).$$

Remark 77. One can expand the right-hand side into Euler factors to reveal that its Euler product does in fact look like $L(s, f)$ for a Hilbert modular form f . However, it is rather difficult to check that the corresponding Fourier series is actually a Hilbert modular form, so we see that the main content of the above theorem is the existence.

4 June 28th

Today we plan on covering §1.8–1.10. We will only address §1.10 briefly.

4.1 Maass Forms

We spend time discussing Maass forms.

Definition 78 (Laplacian). We define the *non-Euclidean Laplacian* as the second-order differential operator Δ acting on $C^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ by

$$\Delta := -y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 y} \right).$$

One can check that $g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ has $\Delta(f \circ g) = \Delta(f) \circ g$ by some chain rule computation.

Definition 79 (Maass form). Fix a finite-index subgroup Γ of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. A *Maass form* of level Γ is a smooth eigenfunction $f \in C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$ for Δ satisfying the bounding condition $f(x + iy) = O(y^N)$ as $y \rightarrow \infty$ for some N . A Maass form f is a *cuspidal form* if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} f(z + x) dx = 0.$$

Example 80. When $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ has $\mathrm{Re} \nu > 1/2$, then the function $z \mapsto E(z, \nu + 1/2)$ satisfies

$$\Delta E\left(z, \nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2\right) E\left(z, \nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

by applying Δ directly to the series and noting $\Delta y^{\nu+1/2} = (\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2) y^{\nu+1/2}$. Thus, we can see that $(z, \nu + 1/2)$ is a Maass form. An argument using the Fourier series of $E(z, \nu + 1/2)$ verifies that this still holds for arbitrary $\nu \notin \{\pm 1/2\}$. Notably, for nonzero $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, verifying $\Delta a_r(y, \nu + 1/2) = (\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2) a_r(y, \nu + 1/2)$ uses the fact

$$\left(y^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - (y^2 + \nu^2) \right) K_\nu(y) = 0, \quad (4.1)$$

which holds by differentiating under the integral sign.

Remark 81. As with modular forms, a Maass form f of level $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ admits a Fourier expansion

$$f(x + iy) = \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}} a_r(y) e^{2\pi i r x}.$$

Motivated by the previous example, choose $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ so that $\Delta f = (\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2) f$. For nonzero r , we claim that

$$a_r(y) \stackrel{?}{=} a_r \sqrt{y} K_\nu(2\pi |r| y).$$

Well, fixing r , define $k: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ so that the above equation holds for k replacing $a_r K_\nu$. Then one can apply Δ here to see that (4.1) must hold for k . Analyzing the possible functions k satisfying this differential equation, we are able to conclude $k = a_r K_\nu$ for some a_r . (Notably, $y \gg 0$ means k will be approximated by a function satisfying $d^2 k / dy^2 - k = 0$, so $k = ce^{\pm y}$, and the $+$ sign is disallowed because $a_r(y)$ admits only polynomial growth.)

As usual, we would like to build an L -function and establish a functional equation and meromorphic continuation. Well, for cuspidal form f of level $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we define $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ as in the above remark and define

$$L(s, f) := \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n^s}.$$

One can check that $a_n = O(n^{1/2})$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ via the usual arguments on the quotient $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}$, so $L(s, f)$ converges for $\mathrm{Re} s > 3/2$.

Notably, $L(s, f)$ only acknowledges a_n for $n \geq 1$, so we might be interested in the negative values.

Definition 82 (even, odd). Let $\iota: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ be the involution $\iota(x + iy) = -x + iy$. A Maass cusp form f is even if and only if $f \circ \iota = f$ (so that $a_n = a_{-n}$) and is odd if and only if $f \circ \iota = -f$ (so that $a_n = -a_{-n}$).

Remark 83. The decomposition

$$f^+ := \frac{f + (f \circ \iota)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad f^- := \frac{f - (f \circ \iota)}{2}$$

shows that any Maass cusp form f can be decomposed (uniquely) into a sum $f = f^+ + f^-$ of an even and odd Maass cusp form.

Thus, in the sequel, we will consider even and odd forms.

Proposition 84. Fix a Maass cusp form f with eigenvalue $\frac{1}{4} - \nu^2$. Choose $\varepsilon = 0$ if f is even and $\varepsilon = -1$ if f is odd. Then set

$$\Lambda(s, f) := \pi^{-s} \Gamma\left(\frac{s + \varepsilon + \nu}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s + \varepsilon - \nu}{2}\right).$$

Then $\Lambda(s, f)$ has an analytic continuation to all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ and satisfies the functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, f) = (-1)^\varepsilon \Lambda(1 - s, f).$$

Proof. For simplicity, we take f to be even. The main claim is that

$$\frac{1}{2} \Lambda(s, f) \stackrel{?}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} f(iy) y^{s-1/2} \frac{dy}{y}.$$

(When f is odd, we set $g := (4\pi i)^{-1} \partial f / \partial x$ and integrate.) Notably, the right-hand side converges for all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ because f is a cusp form, and one has the relation $f(iy) = f(i/y)$; this relation also explains the resulting functional equation for Λ . Anyway, the above equality follows plugging in the Fourier expansion of f and applying the equality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} K_\nu(y) y^s \frac{dy}{y} = 2^{s-2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s + \nu}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s - \nu}{2}\right),$$

which follows by plugging in for $K_\nu(y)$ and a variable-change. ■

We now turn to base-change of Maass forms. Let F be a real quadratic field with discriminant D and $h^+(F) = 1$. Set $\chi := \chi_D$ to be the quadratic Dirichlet character of conductor D satisfying $\chi(-1) = 1$.

We will want to understand certain Gauss sums.

Proposition 85. Let $\sigma \pmod{q}$ be a primitive Dirichlet character. Then the conductor \mathfrak{f} of $\sigma \circ N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}$ is the unique ideal with $N\mathfrak{f} = q^2$ invariant under $\mathrm{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$. Then

$$\tau_F(\sigma \circ N) = D^{-1/2} \tau(\sigma) \tau(\sigma \chi_D) = \sigma(D) \chi_D(q) \tau(\sigma)^2.$$

Proof. We use the functional equations. Choose $\delta \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $\sigma(-1) = (-1)^\delta$. Let $\Lambda(s, \sigma)$, $\Lambda(s, \sigma \chi_D)$, and $\Lambda(s, \sigma \circ N_{F/\mathbb{Q}})$ be the relevant completed Λ -functions. A comparison of Euler products shows that

$$\Lambda(s, \sigma \circ N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}) = D^{s/2} \pi^\delta \Lambda(s, \sigma) \Lambda(s, \sigma \chi_D).$$

Comparing the functional equations for everything in sight, we see

$$\frac{\tau(\sigma)\tau(\sigma\chi_D)}{q\sqrt{D}}q^{-2s+1} = \frac{\tau_F(\sigma \circ N_{F/\mathbb{Q}})}{\sqrt{N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{f})}} N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{f})^{-s+1/2}.$$

Thus, $N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{f}) = q^2$, and $s = 1/2$ establishes the left equality. The right equality follows by showing $\tau(\sigma\chi_D) = \sigma(D)\chi_D(q)\tau(\sigma)\tau(\chi_D)$ (for which one applies a full expansion of $\tau(\sigma)$ and $\tau(\chi_D)$) and $\tau(\chi_D) = \sqrt{D}$ (for which one takes $q = 1$ and $\sigma = 1$ in the above argument). ■

Now, for a Hecke character $\psi = \psi_{\mathfrak{f}}\psi_{\infty}$ of F , we will build a Maass form $\Gamma_0(D)$ for our lifting. For simplicity, we take $\mathfrak{f} = \mathcal{O}_F$ so that ψ only depends on ψ_{∞} . By definition of ψ_{∞} , we receive $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ and complex numbers $\nu \in \mathbb{C}$ so that

$$\psi_{\infty}(x) = \text{sgn}(x_1 x_2)^{\varepsilon} \left| \frac{x_1}{x_2} \right|^{\nu}.$$

We will assume $\nu \neq 0$ and $\varepsilon = 0$ for simplicity. Continuing with our set-up, we let $\eta > 1$ be the fundamental unit of \mathcal{O}_F^{\times} ; set $d := \eta\sqrt{D}$ to be totally positive.

We are now ready to define

$$\theta_{\psi}(z) := \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_F} \psi(\mathfrak{a}) \sqrt{y} K_{\nu}(2\pi N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{a})y) \cos(2\pi N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{a})x).$$

Here is our result.

Theorem 86. Fix everything as above. Then θ_{ψ} is a Maass cups form for $\Gamma_0(D)$.

Proof. The argument is similar to the proof of Theorem 57. For example, to show

$$\theta_{\psi}(z) \stackrel{?}{=} \theta_{\psi}\left(\frac{-1}{Dz}\right),$$

use the known functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, \psi) = \psi_{\infty}(d) \Lambda(1-s, \psi)$$

and then Mellin inversion to establish the desired equality from the expression

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \theta_{\psi}(iy) y^{s-1/2} \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{1}{4} D^{-s/2} \Lambda(s, \psi).$$

The other identities needed for $\Gamma_0(D)$ follow from several pages of manipulations of 2×2 matrices. ■

5 July 5th

Today we move on to chapter 2.

5.1 Maass Forms and the Spectral Problem

It will turn out that we are interested in the representation theory of $G := \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. For motivation, let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be a subgroup such that $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ is compact. Given a unitary character $\chi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\times}$, we can produce the following automorphic forms: (holomorphic) modular forms $M_k(\gamma, \chi)$, Maass forms, and constant functions.

Representation theory will explain this trichotomy. However, we will require a generalization of Maass forms to “higher weights” k , so we will want higher weight Laplacians. For convenience, define

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} := \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right),$$

where $z = x + iy$. For example, the Cauchy–Riemann equations imply $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} = 0$ when f is holomorphic.

Definition 87. We define the Maass differential operators on $C^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ by

$$\begin{aligned} R_k &:= (z - \bar{z}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{k}{2}, \\ L_k &:= (\bar{z} - z) \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} - \frac{k}{2}, \\ \Delta_k &:= -y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + iky \frac{\partial}{\partial x}. \end{aligned}$$

We will also require a right action of G on $C^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ by

$$f|_k g := \left(\frac{c\bar{z} + d}{|cz + d|} \right)^k f \left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d} \right)$$

for $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ and $g := \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in G$.

Lemma 88. For $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ and $g \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (R_k f)|_{k+2} g &= R_k(f|_k g), \\ (L_k f)|_{k-2} g &= L_k(f|_k g), \\ (\Delta_k f)|_k g &= \Delta_k(f|_k g). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The first two equalities follow from the third and the identity

$$\Delta_k = -L_{k+2} R_k - \frac{k}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k}{2} \right).$$

We will focus on the first equality because the second is similar. Set $w := g(z)$. The Cauchy–Riemann equations and the chain rule implies

$$(w - \bar{w}) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} = \left(\frac{cz + d}{c\bar{z} + d} \right) (z - \bar{z}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Now, some expansion shows

$$(z - \bar{z}) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{c\bar{z} + d}{|cz + d|} \right)^k = (z - \bar{z}) \left(\frac{c\bar{z} + d}{|cz + d|} \right)^k \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{k}{2} \left(\left(\frac{c\bar{z} + d}{|cz + d|} \right)^{k+2} - \left(\frac{c\bar{z} + d}{|cz + d|} \right)^k \right).$$

Combining these two equalities produces the first equality. ■

We now introduce some notions around operators.

Definition 89 (operator). Fix a Hilbert space H with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. An operator on H is a pair (T, D_T) $D_T \subseteq H$ is a dense linear subspace and $T: D_T \rightarrow H$ is linear. Here are some adjectives for T .

- T is *closed* if and only if its graph is closed in $H \times H$.
- T is *unbounded* if and only if it is not continuous on $D_T \subseteq H$.
- T is *symmetric* if and only if $\langle Tf, g \rangle = \langle f, Tg \rangle$ for all $f, g \in D_T$.

Definition 90 (adjoint). Fix an operator (T, D_T) on a Hilbert space H with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Define D_{T^*} as the space of $g \in H$ such that $f \mapsto \langle Tf, g \rangle$ is a bounded linear functional on D_T , from which the Riesz representation theorem promises a unique $T^*g \in H$ such that

$$\langle Tf, g \rangle = \langle f, T^*g \rangle.$$

Then (T^*, D_{T^*}) is the *adjoint operator* of T . We say T is *self-adjoint* if and only if $(T, D_T) = (T^*, D_{T^*})$.

Self-adjoint operators enjoy a spectral theorem, but symmetric ones do not. Importantly, it is not even always possible to extend a symmetric operator to a self-adjoint one.

Unsurprisingly, our example of interest is the Laplacian Δ_k .

Example 91. Give \mathbb{H} the G -invariant measure $y^{-2} dx \wedge dy$. Then Δ_k is an (unbounded) operator defined on $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{H}) \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{H})$.

Proposition 92. The Laplacian operator Δ_k on $L^2(\mathbb{H})$ is symmetric.

Proof. Choose $f, g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{H})$ so that we want to show $\langle \Delta_k f, g \rangle = \langle f, \Delta_k g \rangle$. For convenience, define the operators $\Delta^e := \partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2$ as the Euclidean Laplacian and $T := -iy^{-1}\partial/\partial x$. These definitions are useful because

$$\langle \Delta_k f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{H}} (-\Delta^e f + kTf) \bar{g} dx \wedge dy,$$

so it will be enough to prove symmetry results for Δ^e and T individually. For example, Green's theorem asserts

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}} (\bar{g} \Delta^e f - f \Delta^e \bar{g}) dx \wedge dy = \int_{\gamma} \left(\bar{g} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dy - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dx \right) - f \left(\frac{\partial \bar{g}}{\partial x} dy - \frac{\partial \bar{g}}{\partial y} dx \right) \right),$$

where γ is some (positively oriented) contour around the supports of f and g . Notably, this last integral vanishes (because f and g vanish on γ), so we achieve

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}} \bar{g} \Delta^e f dx \wedge dy = \int_{\mathbb{H}} f \Delta^e \bar{g} dx \wedge dy.$$

A similar Green's theorem argument achieves the required symmetry for T as well. ■

The “spectral theory” of automorphic forms arises from studying the eigenvalues of the Laplacian operators Δ_k . However, \mathbb{H} is quite unwieldy, so we will want to pass to compact quotients $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ (or at least such quotients with finite volume).

Example 93. The unit group Γ of the quaternions acts on \mathbb{H} with compact quotient.

Passing to a quotient permits a unitary character $\chi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$, from which we define $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$ as consisting of $f: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

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

for each $\gamma := \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma$. We will assume $\chi(-1_2) = (-1)^k$, for otherwise the space vanishes. Note that $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$ is equipped with the usual inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}} f(z) \overline{g(z)} \frac{dx dy}{y^2}.$$

The completion of our space will be denoted $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$.

Lemma 94. The operator Δ_k is symmetric on the Hilbert space $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$.

Proof. Lemma 88 shows R_k , L_k , and Δ_k send $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$ to $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k+2)$, $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k-2)$, and $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$, respectively. In fact, letting $w := \gamma z$ as usual for some $\gamma \in G$ where $z = x+iy$ and $w = u+iv$, an application of Stokes's theorem to the differential form

$$v^{-1} f(w) \overline{g(w)} d\bar{w} = y^{-1} f(z) \overline{g(z)} dz,$$

one finds that

$$\langle R_k f, g \rangle = \langle f, -L_{k+2} g \rangle,$$

so the result follows. ■

So our main task in the theory of automorphic forms becomes the following.

Question 95. What is the spectrum of the operator Δ_k acting on $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$?

It will turn out that $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ being compact implies that Δ_k has discrete (though infinite) spectrum. However, in the more arithmetic application where $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ merely has finite volume (even though it may not be compact), then the spectrum gains a continuous part.

To answer Question 95, we introduce the following definition.

Definition 96 (Maass form). Fix $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ containing -1_2 such that $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ is finite volume, and choose a unitary character $\chi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\chi(-1_2) = (-1)^k$. Then a *Maass form* of level Γ and weight $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a smooth eigenfunction $f \in C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$ (and admitting moderate growth at the cusps of Γ).

To relate our discussion to representation theory, we will want to understand locally compact groups. Recall that a locally compact group G admits left- and right-invariant Haar measures $d_L g$ and $d_R g$ which are unique up to scalar, and we say that G is “unimodular” if these agree. We will also want the following result on semidirect products.

Proposition 97. Fix a unimodular group G . Suppose there are closed subgroups $P, K \subseteq G$ such that $G = PK$ and $P \cap K$ is compact. Then the Haar measure on G is given by

$$\int_G f(g) dg = \int_P \int_K f(pk) d_L p d_R k.$$

Proof. View G as the quotient of $P \times K$ by $P \cap K$ and appeal to the Haar measure on quotients. Namely, it is enough to check that the given measure is G -invariant, which can be done explicitly. ■

Example 98. For $G = \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})^+$, one can check that G is unimodular (one can compute $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is unimodular with measure $\frac{dM}{|\det M|}$). It will be more convenient to describe the Haar measure as follows: any $g \in G$ admits a unique Iwasawa decomposition

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} u & \\ & u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{y} & \sqrt{x/y} \\ & \sqrt{1/y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix},$$

so G admits a Haar measure $dg = \frac{du}{u} \frac{dx dy}{y^2} d\theta$.

The point of having a Haar measure is that we are able to discuss square-integrable functions such as in L^2 . As such, we pick up the following definition.

Definition 99. Let $Z \subseteq G$ denote the torus of scalar matrices, and let Z^+ denote the subgroup with positive diagonal entries; notably, $G/Z^+ \cong \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. Given a unitary character $\chi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$, we define $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ as the space of smooth functions $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$f(\gamma gu) = \chi(\gamma)f(g)$$

for $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $g \in G$ and $u \in Z^+$. Similarly, $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ is the space of square integrable functions satisfying the above condition.

Here's a sanity check.

Lemma 100. Fix everything as above. Then $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ is dense in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$.

Proof. Let $C(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ be the space $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ with smoothness weakened to continuity. Letting $U \subseteq G/Z^+$ be an open fundamental domain, we see that $C_c(U) \subseteq C(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ in the obvious way, and $C_c(U)$ is dense in $L^2(U) = L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$ by functional analysis.

Thus, it remains to show that $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ is dense in $C(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$. Well, for $f_1 \in C(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$, one can choose some smooth nonnegative f_2 compactly supported in a small enough neighborhood of the identity and satisfying $\int_G f_2 dh = 1$ so that $f_1 * f_2$ is smooth and approximately f_1 . ■

Thus, our representation-theoretic question is as follows.

Question 101. What is the decomposition of the Hilbert space $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ into irreducible G -representations?

Notably, $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ is a (continuous) G -representation where the action is given by $(gf)(x) := f(xg)$; one can check that this action is continuous. Later in life, we will discover that $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ decomposes into an infinite (discrete) direct sum of irreducible G -representations, and this description will be able to answer Question 95.

Let's explain how these two questions are related. Letting $K := \mathrm{SO}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be a (maximal) compact subgroup of G , we see that $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ will decompose into K -eigenvectors (because $K \cong S^1$ is abelian) as

$$L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi) := \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi, k),$$

where $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi, k)$ is the K -eigenspace with eigenvalue $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \mapsto e^{ik\theta}$. We can now relate $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ and $\Gamma \backslash G$.

Proposition 102. For each k , there is a Hilbert space isomorphism $\sigma_k: L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi, k)$ given by

$$(\sigma_k f)(g) := (f|_k g)(i).$$

Proof. The algebraic identities are set up to guarantee that σ_k is at least well-defined. There is also an inverse map by taking $F \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi, k)$ to the map

$$f(x + yi) := F\left(\begin{bmatrix} y & x \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Lastly, the compatibility of inner products can be checked from Example 98. ■

We are now able to move R , L , and Δ from $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, k)$ to $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$. Throughout, we use the Isawasa coordinates (u, x, y, θ) provided in Example 98. Then we define

$$\begin{aligned} R &:= e^{2i\theta} \left(iy \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{2}{2i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right), \\ L &:= e^{-2i\theta} \left(-iy \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{2i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right), \\ \Delta &:= -y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

We are now able to answer Questions 95 and 101 simultaneously, which will be the point of our discussion in chapter 2.

Theorem 103. Set $G := \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})^+$ and $G_1 := \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. Suppose $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is a discontinuous subgroup of G such that $\Gamma \backslash G_1$ is compact. Choose a unitary character $\chi: \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$, and select $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ so that $\chi(-1_2) = (-1)^\varepsilon$.

- (a) The space $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ decomposes into a Hilbert space direct sum of irreducible representations; similarly
- (b) Each irreducible subrepresentation $H \subseteq L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ is a Δ -eigenspace with eigenvalue $\Lambda(H)$, and each Δ -eigenspace of $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G, \chi)$ is G -invariant. In fact, either we have $\lambda \geq \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon$ or $\lambda = \frac{k}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k}{2}\right)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.
- (c) The only finite-dimensional G -representation in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi)$ is the constant one.
- (d) If λ does not take the form $\frac{k}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k}{2}\right)$, then there is a unique irreducible subrepresentation of G in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi)$ with eigenvalue λ . Its multiplicity is equal to the multiplicity of the eigenvalue of λ in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi, k)$.
- (e) If $\lambda = \frac{k}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{2}\right)$, there are two infinite-dimensional irreducible G -representations in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}, \chi)$ with eigenvalue λ . Their multiplicities are equal to the dimension of the space of holomorphic modular forms of weight k and level Γ .