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For Part III Essay. Topic 97. Modular forms and representation theory

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1 Abstract

The goal of the essay will be to give an introduction to the spectral adelic generalization of classic modular forms. To justify this generalization, we aim to give 2 applications of the new framework. First, we would like to describe how this setting completes the theory of Hecke operators. Second, we will see a reinterpretation of the theory of newforms.

The primary references for this essay (so far) have been [Gel75] and [Del73]. We have also consulted [KL06], [Bum97], a set of online notes on Atkin-Lehmer theory by Andreea Mocanu [Moc] and a set of online notes on Hecke Operators by Samanda Hu [Hu].

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1. Introduction	~ 1 page
• Historical introduction	
• Relation to the Langlands' program	
2. Modular Forms Revisited	~ 6 pages
2.1 Functions on lattices	~ 1 page
• [Del73, p.8-20].	
2.2 The decomposition of $L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$	~ 2 pages
• Discrete and continuous spectrum	
• Casimir operator and K -action	
• Wave forms	
• Multiplicities are finite	
• [Gel75, Chapter 2] and [Del73, Section 2.1]	
2.3 Hecke Theory for $\Gamma_i(N)$	~ 2 pages
• Detailed computation of the proof of $T(p)$ being self-adjoint, to see what breaks when $(p, N) \neq 1$. [Hu] and [DS06]	
• [KL06, p.20, p.39] and [Gel75, p.17, p.20]	
2.4 Atkin-Lehner Theory of Newforms for $\Gamma_i(N)$	~ 1 page

- Show the full computation of $\Delta(z)$ and $\Delta(2z)$ have the same eigenvalues at $p \neq 2$ to motivate theory of new-forms.
 - [Moc] and [Gel75, Section 1.D]
3. **Automorphic Forms of $GL_2(\mathbb{A})$** ~ 8 pages
- 3.1 Functions on Adelic Lattices ~ 1 page
- Strong Approximation Theorem for $GL_2(\mathbb{A})$ [KL06, p. 6.3]
 - Relation between classical lattices and adelic lattices [Del73, Section 1.2 and 2]
- 3.2 The Spectrum of $GL_2(\mathbb{A})$ ~ 3 pages
- [Del73, Section 2.2-2.4] and [Gel75, Section 3.A]
- 3.3 Jacquet-Langlands' theory ~ 4 pages
- Kirillov and Whittaker models [Del73, page 24-30]
 - [Gel75, Section 6]
4. **Applications** ~ 7 pages
- 4.1 Hecke Operators Revisited ~ 5 pages
- Detailed computations for $\Gamma_0(N)$, which is now $K_0(N)$.
 - [Gel75, Section 5, page 86]
- 4.2 Newforms revisited ~ 2 page
- Jacquet-Langlands' main theorem to prove the multiplicity one theorem of Atkin-Lehner
 - [Gel75, Section 6. D]
5. **Further reading** ~ 1 page
- Jacquet Langland's Theory, L-functions and meromorphic continuation
 - Arthur-Selberg Trace formula
6. **Extra question.** What are the next things to read canonically if I am interested in Langlands?
- Modularity?
 - Papers by Langlands?
 - Trace Formula? I think I am not too far to understand the adelic version of the trace formula

3 Questions

3.1 Direction Questions

1. What **hard** proof should I include?
 - Uniqueness of Whittaker models (Every reference avoids it)
 - Multiplicity one theorem

- Two newforms have the same eigenvalues for good Hecke operators iff they are the same.
 - This is true even if you initially choose them from different levels and find N where they have same eigenvalues to good hecke operators on N .
 - Strong multiplicity one (m_π are 0 or 1)
 - Classification of admissible irreducible reps of $\mathrm{GL}_2(F)$ for F local field.
 - I have seen the full proof for archimedean local fields [Bet]
 - May be too long for the essay?
 - Analytic properties of Jacquet-Langlands L-function associated to a cuspidal automorphic representation?
2. Smaller Lemmas to include
- Strong Approximation Theorem for $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A})$
 - Hecke Operators for general level and their conjugates
 - Explanation on how the map from cusp forms to cuspidal automorphic representations is not one to one and this comes from theory of newforms.
3. Should I include motivation from $\mathrm{GL}_1(A)$?

3.2 Mathematical Questions

1. Why do we always concentrate on $\Gamma_i(N)$
 - For a general Γ , can you have a theory of newforms?
 - The Hecke Theory of $\Gamma(N)$ is reduced to the one of $\Gamma_1(N^2)$
2. Can we repeat what happens to the bad Hecke operators
 - I have seen the computation that they are not normal but don't understand the bigger picture
 - I recall that we discussed that they "miss-send" the cusp forms of a given level to another one? But this is incorrect recalling [Gel75, Ch 6].

$$S_k(N) = S_k^{\mathrm{new}}(N) \oplus \bigoplus_{p|N} i_p S_k(N/p)$$

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