

# $K$ -Theory for Motives, Automorphic Forms, and $L$ -Functions

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## 1 Introduction

In this document, we rigorously develop various forms of  $K$ -theory (algebraic, topological, motivic, equivariant, and twisted) for important mathematical objects: motives  $M$ , automorphic forms  $A$ , and  $L$ -functions  $L$ . We aim to systematically study the relationships between these  $K$ -theories and these objects, focusing on their algebraic, topological, and deeper structures.

## 2 Algebraic $K$ -theory for Motives, Automorphic Forms, and $L$ -Functions

### 2.1 Preliminaries on Algebraic $K$ -Theory

We begin by recalling the basic setup of algebraic  $K$ -theory. Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety over a field  $k$ . We define the  $K$ -groups  $K_n(X)$  using the following construction:

$$K_0(X) = \text{Grothendieck group of vector bundles on } X.$$

$$K_n(X) = \pi_n(BGL(X)^+).$$

### 2.2 Algebraic $K$ -theory of Motives

Let  $M$  be a motive over a field  $k$ . We can associate to  $M$  a variety  $X$  and define the algebraic  $K$ -groups  $K_n(M)$  as:

$$K_n(M) = K_n(X),$$

where  $X$  is the variety associated to  $M$ . This allows us to study motivic  $K$ -theory as a natural extension of algebraic  $K$ -theory.

### 2.3 Algebraic $K$ -theory of Automorphic Forms

Let  $A$  be an automorphic form associated with a group  $G$ . We can define the  $K$ -theory of  $A$  by considering the moduli space of automorphic forms, denoted by  $\mathcal{M}_A$ , and define:

$$K_n(A) = K_n(\mathcal{M}_A).$$

This gives us a way to explore the algebraic  $K$ -theory of automorphic forms.

## 2.4 Algebraic $K$ -theory of $L$ -functions

For an  $L$ -function  $L$ , we define its  $K$ -theory by associating  $L$  with a related variety or motive. Let  $\mathcal{M}_L$  be the moduli space associated with the  $L$ -function. Then, we define:

$$K_n(L) = K_n(\mathcal{M}_L).$$

## 3 Topological $K$ -theory for Motives, Automorphic Forms, and $L$ -Functions

### 3.1 Preliminaries on Topological $K$ -Theory

Topological  $K$ -theory is a cohomology theory based on vector bundles over topological spaces. For a topological space  $X$ , we define  $K$ -groups as:

$$K^0(X) = \text{Grothendieck group of vector bundles over } X.$$

$$K^1(X) = \pi_1(BGL(X)^+).$$

### 3.2 Topological $K$ -theory of Motives

Let  $M$  be a motive. We can define a topological space  $X_M$  associated with  $M$ , and study its topological  $K$ -theory:

$$K^0(M) = K^0(X_M), \quad K^1(M) = K^1(X_M).$$

### 3.3 Topological $K$ -theory of Automorphic Forms

For automorphic forms  $A$ , we can associate a topological space  $X_A$ , such as a moduli space of automorphic forms. We define the topological  $K$ -groups as:

$$K^0(A) = K^0(X_A), \quad K^1(A) = K^1(X_A).$$

### 3.4 Topological $K$ -theory of $L$ -functions

Let  $L$  be an  $L$ -function. We define a topological space  $X_L$  associated with  $L$ , and compute the topological  $K$ -groups:

$$K^0(L) = K^0(X_L), \quad K^1(L) = K^1(X_L).$$

## 4 Motivic $K$ -theory for Motives, Automorphic Forms, and $L$ -Functions

### 4.1 Preliminaries on Motivic $K$ -theory

Motivic  $K$ -theory is defined as a theory that extends algebraic  $K$ -theory to motives and related objects. Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety, and let

$\mathcal{M}(X)$  denote the category of motives. We define the motivic  $K$ -groups as:

$$K_{\text{mot}}^n(X) = \text{higher } K\text{-theory of motives.}$$

## 4.2 Motivic $K$ -theory of Motives

Let  $M$  be a motive. We define its motivic  $K$ -groups by considering the motives associated with  $M$ :

$$K_{\text{mot}}^n(M) = K_{\text{mot}}^n(X_M),$$

where  $X_M$  is the variety associated with the motive  $M$ .

## 4.3 Motivic $K$ -theory of Automorphic Forms

Let  $A$  be an automorphic form. We define the motivic  $K$ -theory of  $A$  by associating  $A$  with a moduli space of automorphic forms:

$$K_{\text{mot}}^n(A) = K_{\text{mot}}^n(X_A).$$

## 4.4 Motivic $K$ -theory of $L$ -functions

For an  $L$ -function  $L$ , we define its motivic  $K$ -theory as:

$$K_{\text{mot}}^n(L) = K_{\text{mot}}^n(X_L).$$

# 5 Equivariant $K$ -theory for Motives, Automorphic Forms, and $L$ -Functions

## 5.1 Preliminaries on Equivariant $K$ -theory

Equivariant  $K$ -theory is a variant of  $K$ -theory where one considers group actions. Let  $G$  be a group acting on a space  $X$ . The equivariant  $K$ -groups are defined as:

$$K_G^0(X) = \text{Grothendieck group of } G\text{-equivariant vector bundles.}$$

## 5.2 Equivariant $K$ -theory of Motives

For a motive  $M$  with a group action  $G$ , we define the equivariant  $K$ -theory as:

$$K_G^0(M) = K_G^0(X_M).$$

## 5.3 Equivariant $K$ -theory of Automorphic Forms

Let  $A$  be an automorphic form with a group action  $G$ . We define the equivariant  $K$ -theory as:

$$K_G^0(A) = K_G^0(X_A).$$

## 5.4 Equivariant $K$ -theory of $L$ -functions

For an  $L$ -function  $L$  with a group action  $G$ , we define the equivariant  $K$ -theory as:

$$K_G^0(L) = K_G^0(X_L).$$

## 6 Twisted $K$ -theory for Motives, Automorphic Forms, and $L$ -Functions

### 6.1 Preliminaries on Twisted $K$ -theory

Twisted  $K$ -theory arises when the vector bundles on a space  $X$  are twisted by a class in cohomology. Let  $H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$  be a class, and the twisted  $K$ -groups are defined as:

$$K_{\text{tw}}^0(X, H) = \text{twisted Grothendieck group.}$$

### 6.2 Twisted $K$ -theory of Motives

For a motive  $M$ , we define the twisted  $K$ -theory as:

$$K_{\text{tw}}^0(M, H) = K_{\text{tw}}^0(X_M, H).$$

### 6.3 Twisted $K$ -theory of Automorphic Forms

Let  $A$  be an automorphic form twisted by a class  $H$ . We define the twisted  $K$ -theory as:

$$K_{\text{tw}}^0(A, H) = K_{\text{tw}}^0(X_A, H).$$

### 6.4 Twisted $K$ -theory of $L$ -functions

For an  $L$ -function  $L$ , we define its twisted  $K$ -theory by:

$$K_{\text{tw}}^0(L, H) = K_{\text{tw}}^0(X_L, H).$$