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1 Summary of Hecke operators

Let $\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}$. The Hecke operator $T_n : L^2(\Gamma_0(N) \setminus \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma_0(N) \setminus \mathbb{H})$ is defined by

$$(T_n f)(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{ad=n} \sum_{b=0}^{d-1} f\left(\frac{az+b}{d}\right).$$

Given two positive integers n and m , the Hecke operators T_n and T_m commute. In fact, we have the multiplicative rule

$$T_m T_n = \sum_{d|(m,n)} T_{mn/d^2}.$$

Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}(\Gamma_0(N) \setminus \mathbb{H})$ be a Maass cusp form with eigenvalue $1/4 + \nu^2$. It has a Fourier expansion of the type

$$f(z) = \sum_{m \neq 0} a(m) y^{1/2} K_\nu(2\pi|m|y) e(mx).$$

The action of T_n on $f(z)$ is

$$(T_n f)(z) = \sum_{m \neq 0} t_n(m) y^{1/2} K_\nu(2\pi|m|y) e(mx),$$

where $t_n(m) = \sum_{d|(m,n)} a(mn/d^2)$.

The Hecke operator T_n , if $(n, N) = 1$, is self-adjoint in $L^2(\Gamma_0(N) \setminus \mathbb{H})$, that is

$$\langle T_n f, g \rangle = \langle f, T_n g \rangle, \quad \text{if } (n, N) = 1.$$

Therefore, for each n , in the space $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma_0(N) \setminus \mathbb{H})$ of cusp forms an orthogonal basis $\{u_j\}$ can be chosen which consists of simultaneous eigenfunctions for T_n , that is,

$$T_n u_j = \lambda_j(n) u_j.$$

The Fourier coefficients $a_j(m)$ are proportional to the Hecke eigenvalues $\lambda_j(m)$. More precisely,

$$\lambda_j(m) a_j(1) = a_j(m).$$

2 Dirichlet characters

Let m be a positive integer. A Dirichlet character of modulus m is a function $\chi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

- $\chi(ab) = \chi(a)\chi(b)$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$,
- $\chi(a) = 0$ if and only if $(a, m) > 1$,

- If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $\chi(a) = \chi(b)$.

Let χ_1 and χ_2 be Dirichlet characters of modulus m_1 and m_2 , respectively, with $m_1|m_2$. If $\chi_2(a) = \chi_1(a)$ for $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/m_2\mathbb{Z})^\times$, then χ_2 is said to be induced by χ_1 . A Dirichlet character is called primitive if it is not induced by any Dirichlet character other than itself. A Dirichlet character induced by the identity function is called principal. If p is prime, then every nonprincipal Dirichlet character of modulus p is primitive.

3 Twisted Eisenstein series

In this section we assume that χ is an even ($\chi(-1) = 1$) primitive Dirichlet character mod q , and that $(q, N) = 1$. For $\text{Re}(s) > 1$ we define the twisted Eisenstein series by the absolutely convergent series

$$E(z, s, \chi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma} \chi(d) \text{Im}(\gamma z)^s,$$

where the sum goes over a set of coset representatives $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(Nq^2)$.

A function $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be automorphic for $\Gamma_0(q)$ with character χ if it satisfies the condition $f(\gamma z) = \chi(\gamma)f(z)$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(q)$, $z \in \mathbb{H}$. One can easily see that $E(z, s, \chi)$ is an automorphic function for $\Gamma_0(Nq^2)$ with character χ . In particular, the function $E(z, s, \chi)$ is invariant under $z \mapsto z + 1$. Hence it has a Fourier expansion. In order to determine its Fourier expansion we first establish a few identities.

We associate to a pair of coprime integers (c, d) , subject to $Nq^2|c$, the set of all matrices in $\Gamma_0(Nq^2)$ whose bottom row is (c, d) . Such a matrix represents a unique coset $\Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(Nq^2)$. A pair $(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, 0\}$ can be uniquely written as (Mc, Md) for $(c, d) = 1$ and for some $M > 0$. As a consequence, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} E^*(z, s, \chi) &:= L(2s, \chi)E(z, s, \chi) \\ &= \frac{L(2s, \chi)}{2} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(Nq^2)} \chi(d) \text{Im}(\gamma z)^s \\ &= \frac{L(2s, \chi)}{2} \sum_{\substack{(c,d)=1 \\ Nq^2|c}} \chi(d) \frac{y^s}{|cz + d|^{2s}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{m,n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (m,n) \neq 0}} \chi(n) \frac{y^s}{|mNq^2z + n|^{2s}}, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $L(s, \chi)$ is the Dirichlet series $L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \chi(n)n^{-s}$.

Lemma 1. If $\text{Re}(s) > 1/2$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$, then

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

Proof. Recall the integral representation of the Gamma function

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-t} dt.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y^s}{\pi^s} \Gamma(s) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-2\pi i r x}}{(x^2 + y^2)^s} dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t} \left(\frac{ty}{\pi(x^2 + y^2)} \right)^s e^{-2\pi i r x} dx \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi \xi(x^2 + y^2)/y} \xi^s e^{-2\pi i r x} dx \frac{d\xi}{\xi}. \end{aligned}$$

For $r = 0$ the above expression becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-\pi\xi(x^2+y^2)/y} \xi^s dx \frac{d\xi}{\xi} &= \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\frac{y}{\xi}} e^{-\pi\xi y} \xi^s \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \\ &= \pi^{-s+\frac{1}{2}} y^{1-s} \Gamma(1-\frac{1}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

For $r \neq 0$ we obtain, using the change of variables $\xi \mapsto \frac{\xi}{|r|}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-\pi\xi(x^2+y^2)/y} \xi^s e^{-2\pi i r x} dx \frac{d\xi}{\xi} &= \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\frac{y}{\xi}} e^{-y\pi r^2/\xi} e^{-\pi\xi y} \xi^s \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \\ &= \sqrt{y}|r|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty \xi^{s-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-y\pi|r|(1/\xi+\xi)} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \\ &= 2|r|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{y} K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|r|y). \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the following integral representation of the modified Bessel function $K_\nu(z)$

$$K_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{z}{2}(t+t^{-1})} t^{-s-1} dt.$$

□

Lemma 2. For $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{H}$ and $\text{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$ we have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{|z+n|^{2s}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(s-\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(s)} y^{1-2s} + \frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} y^{\frac{1}{2}-s} \sum_{r \neq 0} |r|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|r|y) e^{2\pi i r x}. \quad (3)$$

Proof. Recall the Poisson summation formula

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(x+n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\varphi}(n) e^{2\pi i n x},$$

where φ is a continuous function that decays rapidly at infinity and where $\widehat{\varphi}(n) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \varphi(x) e^{-2\pi i n x} dx$ is the Fourier transform. We apply this formula to $\varphi(x) = |x+iy|^{-2s}$, where $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{H}$ and $\text{Re}(s) > \frac{1}{2}$. The Poisson summation formula gives

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{|z+n|^{2s}} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{-2\pi i n x}}{(x^2+y^2)^s} dx \right) e^{2\pi i n x}.$$

Using Lemma 1 we get the result. □

We would like to adapt the left hand side of Equation 3 to the setting where the sum is twisted by a primitive Dirichlet character $\chi \bmod q$. For this we need the twisted variant of the Poisson summation formula.

Lemma 3. Let χ be a primitive Dirichlet character mod q . Then

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi(x+n) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{\chi(n)} \widehat{\varphi}(n/q) e^{2\pi i n x/q},$$

where $\tau(\chi) = \sum_{n \bmod q} \chi(n) e^{2\pi i n/q}$ is the Gauss sum attached to χ .

Proof. One can prove the identity

$$\chi(n) = \frac{1}{\tau(\overline{\chi})} \sum_{m \bmod q} \overline{\chi(m)} e^{2\pi i n m/q} = \frac{\chi(-1)\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{m \bmod q} \overline{\chi(m)} e^{2\pi i n m/q}.$$

Let us now consider $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_1(n)$, where

$$\varphi_1(x) = \frac{\chi(-1)\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{m \bmod q} \overline{\chi(m)} e^{2\pi i x m/q} \varphi(x).$$

The Fourier transform of $\varphi_1(x)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\varphi_1}(\xi) &= \frac{\chi(-1)\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{m \bmod q} \overline{\chi(m)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(x) e^{-2\pi i x(\xi - \frac{m}{q})} dx \\ &= \frac{\chi(-1)\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{m \bmod q} \overline{\chi(m)} \widehat{\varphi}\left(\xi - \frac{m}{q}\right).\end{aligned}$$

We apply Poisson summation formula and thus $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_1(n)$ equals

$$\frac{\chi(-1)\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{m \bmod q} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\chi(m)} \widehat{\varphi}\left(\frac{nq-m}{q}\right).$$

We can write $\overline{\chi(m)} = \chi(-1)\overline{\chi(nq-m)}$. When n runs through \mathbb{Z} and m through $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$, the terms $nq-m$ run uniquely through \mathbb{Z} . Thus we have shown

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \varphi(n) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{q} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{\chi(n)} \widehat{\varphi}(n/q).$$

Replacing $\varphi(n)$ by $\varphi(n+x)$ replaces $\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)$ by $\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)e^{2\pi i \xi x}$. This completes the proof. \square

We can now determine the Fourier expansion of $E^*(z, s, \chi)$.

Theorem 4. *The function $E^*(z, s, \chi)$ has the Fourier expansion*

$$\begin{aligned}E^*(z, s, \chi) &= L(2s, \chi)y^s \\ &\quad + \tau(\chi)q^{-2s}\sqrt{y}\frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{k \neq 0} |k|^{\frac{1}{2}-s} \sigma_{2s-1}(|k|, \bar{\chi}) K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|k|y) e^{2\pi i k x},\end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_s(k, \bar{\chi}) = \sum_{d|k} \overline{\chi(d)} d^s$.

Proof. We split up the sum (1) into the terms with $m = 0$ and those with $m \neq 0$. We also use the evenness of χ to combine each positive summand with its negative. We obtain

$$E^*(z, s, \chi) = L(2s, \chi)y^s + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) \frac{y^s}{|mNq^2z + n|^{2s}}.$$

Substituting into this the twisted variant of the formula of Lemma 2 gives (note that $\chi(0) = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}E^*(z, s, \chi) &= L(2s, \chi)y^s \\ &\quad + \frac{\tau(\chi)}{q} y^s \frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n \neq 0} \overline{\chi(n)} \left(\frac{|n|}{q}\right)^{s-\frac{1}{2}} (ymNq^2)^{\frac{1}{2}-s} K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|n|ymNq) e^{2\pi i n x m N q}.\end{aligned}$$

Summing $m \in Nq\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ is the same as summing their product k over $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and summing for each k over the pairs (n, mNq) such that $Nqmn = k$. Accordingly we can write

$$\begin{aligned}E^*(z, s, \chi) &= L(2s, \chi)y^s \\ &\quad + \tau(\chi)q^{-2s}\sqrt{y}\frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n \neq 0} \overline{\chi(n)} |n|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} (mNq)^{\frac{1}{2}-s} K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|n|ymNq) e^{2\pi i n x m N q} \\ &= L(2s, \chi)y^s \\ &\quad + \tau(\chi)q^{-2s}\sqrt{y}\frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{k \neq 0} |k|^{\frac{1}{2}-s} \sigma_{2s-1}(|k|, \bar{\chi}) K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|k|y) e^{2\pi i k x},\end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_s(k, \chi) = \sum_{d|k} \chi(d) d^s$ is the twisted divisor function. \square

A consequence of the above Fourier expansion is the meromorphic continuation of the twisted Eisenstein series. To derive a functional equation for the twisted Eisenstein series we calculate the Fourier expansion of $E^*\left(\frac{-1}{q^2 Nz}, s, \chi\right)$.

Lemma 5. The function $E^*\left(\frac{-1}{q^2 Nz}, s, \chi\right)$ has the Fourier expansion

$$\begin{aligned} E^*\left(\frac{-1}{q^2 Nz}, s, \chi\right) &= \frac{1}{q^{2s} N^s} L(2s-1, \chi) \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(s)} y^{1-s} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{q^{2s} N^s} \frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{r \neq 0} |r|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \sigma_{1-2s}(r, \chi) K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|r|y) e^{2\pi i r x}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We will use the fact that the matrix $\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ Nq^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ normalizes the group $\Gamma_0(Nq^2)$. Indeed, we have

$$\omega \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \omega^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} d & -\frac{c}{Nq^2} \\ -bNq^2 & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

We now compute

$$\begin{aligned} E^*\left(\frac{-1}{q^2 Nz}, s, \chi\right) &= \frac{L(2s, \chi)}{2} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(Nq^2)} \chi(d) \operatorname{Im}(\gamma \omega z)^s \\ &= \frac{L(2s, \chi)}{2} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(Nq^2)} \chi(\omega \gamma \omega^{-1}) \operatorname{Im}(\omega \gamma z)^s \\ &= \frac{y^s}{q^{2s} N^s} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\chi(a)}{|az + b|^{2s}} \\ &= \frac{y^s}{q^{2s} N^s} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(a)}{a^{2s}} \sum_{d=1}^a \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| m + z + \frac{d}{a} \right|^{-2s} \\ &= \frac{1}{q^{2s} N^s} L(2s-1, \chi) \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(s)} y^{1-s} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{q^{2s} N^s} \frac{2\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{r \neq 0} |r|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}(2\pi|r|y) e^{2\pi i r x} \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(a)}{a^{2s}} \sum_{d=1}^a e^{2\pi i r \frac{d}{a}}. \end{aligned}$$

Because

$$\sum_{d=1}^a e^{2\pi i r \frac{d}{a}} = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a|r \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(a)}{a^{2s}} \sum_{d=1}^a e^{2\pi i r \frac{d}{a}} = \sum_{a|r} \frac{\chi(a)}{a^{2s-1}} = \sigma_{1-2s}(r, \chi).$$

Hence we obtain the claimed Fourier expansion. \square

The functional equation for the twisted Eisenstein series takes a simple form when we define

$$E^\#(z, s, \chi) := \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) E^*(z, s, \chi) = \pi^{-s} \Gamma(s) L(2s, \chi) E(z, s, \chi).$$

Theorem 6. The function $E^\#(z, s, \chi)$ satisfies the functional equation

$$E^\#(z, s, \chi) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{\sqrt{q}} N^{1-s} q^{\frac{5}{2}-4s} E^\#\left(\frac{-1}{q^2 Nz}, 1-s, \bar{\chi}\right).$$

Proof. This follows from the above Fourier expansions, together with the functional equation $\xi(s, \chi) = \frac{\tau(\chi)}{\sqrt{q}} \xi(1-s, \bar{\chi})$ for the completed Dirichlet L -series $\xi(s, \chi) = \left(\frac{q}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma(s/2) L(s, \chi)$, and the symmetry $K_\nu(z) = K_{-\nu}(z)$ of the K -Bessel function.

□

4 Other things

4.1 Eisenstein series and the spectral decomposition of $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$

Let $\Gamma = \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$. This group has only a cusp at infinity. The stabilizer of the cusp ∞ in Γ is

$$\Gamma_\infty = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

The Eisenstein series associated to this cusp, defined on $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{C}$, is defined by

$$E(z, s) := E_\infty(z, s) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma} \text{Im}(\gamma z)^s.$$

Notice that $\text{Im}(z)$ is Γ_∞ -invariant, and the Eisenstein series $E(z, s)$ defines an automorphic function with respect to Γ , that is, it satisfies $E(\gamma z, s) = E(z, s)$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. For $\text{Re}(s) > 1$, this series converges absolutely and uniformly on compact sets. Because $\Delta y^s = s(1-s)y^s$ and because Δ commutes with the Γ -action, the Eisenstein series is also an eigenfunction of the Laplacian

$$\Delta E(z, s) = s(1-s)E(z, s).$$

Automorphic functions which are eigenfunctions of the Laplace operator are called Maass forms. The Fourier expansion of $E(z, s)$ is given by

$$E(z, s) = y^s + \phi(s)y^{1-s} + 2 \sum_{m \neq 0} a_m y^{1/2} K_{s-1/2}(2\pi|m|y) e(mx),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(s) &= \pi^{1/2} \frac{\Gamma(s-1/2)}{\Gamma(s)} \frac{\zeta(2s-1)}{\zeta(2s)}, \\ a_m &= \frac{\pi^s}{\Gamma(s)\zeta(2s)|n|^{1/2}} \sum_{ab=|n|} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{s-\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The modified Bessel functions K_ν are exponentially decaying functions. In particular, $E(z, s) = y^s + \phi(s)y^{1-s} + O(e^{-cy})$, for some constant $c > 0$. For a function to be in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$ its growth need to be $O(y^{1/2})$. From the constant term of the Fourier expansion we see that the Eisenstein series is not in $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$. But for $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ the Eisenstein series is “almost square integrable”, and this suggests to work on the line $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$. We now have to address two issues: We want to work with square integrable functions on $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$, and we need to meromorphically continue $E(z, s)$ to the line $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$. The meromorphic continuation of $E(z, s)$ follows from the Fourier expansion. In the half-plane $\text{Re}(s) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ there is only a simple pole at $s = 1$ with residue $\frac{3}{\pi}$. The Eisenstein series enjoys the functional equation

$$E(z, 1-s) = \phi(1-s)E(z, s).$$

For a smooth, compactly supported function ψ on $\mathbb{R}^{>0}$, the incomplete Eisenstein series is

$$E(z|\psi) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \backslash \Gamma} \psi(\text{Im}(\gamma z)).$$

The incomplete Eisenstein series $E(z|\psi)$ lies in $C_c^\infty(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}) \subset L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$, but it is not an eigenfunction of Δ . By Mellin inversion it can however be represented as an integral of Eisenstein series

$$E(z|\psi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\sigma)} E(z, s) \widehat{\psi}(s) ds, \quad (4)$$

where $\sigma > 1$ and

$$\widehat{\psi}(s) = \int_0^\infty \psi(y) y^{-s-1} dy.$$

We denote by $\mathcal{E}(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}) \subset L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$ the space of incomplete Eisenstein series $E(z|\psi)$. The inner product of a function $f \in L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$ with an incomplete Eisenstein series $E(z|\psi)$ is

$$\langle f, E(\cdot|\psi) \rangle = \int_0^\infty f_0(y) \overline{\psi}(y) y^{-2} dy,$$

where f_0 is the constant term in the Fourier expansion of f . If f is orthogonal to $\mathcal{E}(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$, then the above integral is zero for all smooth functions ψ of compact support in $(0, \infty)$. Thus the orthogonal complement $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{E}^\perp$ consists of functions whose constant term in the Fourier series is zero. The Laplace operator Δ has discrete spectrum in \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{C} is spanned by cusp forms. For an orthonormal basis of cusp forms $\{u_j\}$ every $f \in \mathcal{C}(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$ has the spectral expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_j \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j(z).$$

The spectrum of Δ in $\mathcal{E}(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$ turns out to consist of a continuous part spanned by the Eisenstein series $E(z, \frac{1}{2} + ir)$, and the zero eigenvalue corresponding to the constant function u_0 .

For $\text{Re}(s) \geq \frac{1}{2}$, the Eisenstein series has only a simple pole at $s = 1$. The Eisenstein series are holomorphic on the line $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$ and are of polynomial growth in vertical strips $-\epsilon \leq \text{Re}(s) \leq 1 + \epsilon$. One can then shift the integration in Equation 4 to the line $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$, thereby picking up the residue of $E(z, s)$ at the pole $s = 1$. As a result we obtain

$$E(z|\psi) = \widehat{\psi}(1) \text{Res}_{s=1}(E(z, s)) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(1/2)} E(z, s) \widehat{\psi}(s) ds.$$

The term $\widehat{\psi}(1)$ can be written as $\frac{\langle E(\cdot|\psi), u_0 \rangle}{\langle u_0, u_0 \rangle}$. We still need the projection of $E(z|\psi)$ onto $E(z, s)$. The functional equation along with

$$\langle E(\cdot|\psi), E(\cdot, 1/2 + ir) \rangle = \widehat{\psi}(1/2 + ir) + \phi(1/2 - ir) \widehat{\psi}(1/2 - ir)$$

yields the spectral decomposition of $E(z|\psi)$ onto the Eisenstein series

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(1/2)} E(z, s) \widehat{\psi}(s) ds = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{(1/2)} \langle E(\cdot|\psi), E(\cdot, s) \rangle E(z, s) ds.$$

In conclusion, for an orthonormal basis of cusp forms $\{u_j\}$, every $f \in L^2(\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H})$ has the spectral expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_j \langle f, u_j \rangle u_j(z) + \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{(1/2)} \langle E(\cdot|\psi), E(\cdot, s) \rangle E(z, s) ds.$$

4.2 Rankin-Selberg method

Let f be a function on $\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}$, of sufficient rapid decay. Then the scalar product of f with an Eisenstein series is equal to an integral transform of the constant term in the Fourier expansion of f . More precisely, for $\text{Re}(s)$ sufficiently large,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, E(\cdot, s) \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}} f(z) \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma} \text{Im}(\gamma z)^s d\mu(z) \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_\infty \setminus \mathbb{H}} f(z) \text{Im}(z)^s d\mu(z) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^1 f(x + iy) dx \right) y^{s-2} dy. \end{aligned}$$

4.2.1 Example

Let $\{f(z)\}$ be a orthonormal basis of cuspidal Maass forms for the discrete spectrum. These have Fourier expansions of the type

$$f_j(z) = \sum_{m \neq 0} a_j(m) y^{1/2} K_{\nu_j}(2\pi|m|y) e(mx).$$

Recall that $f_j(z)$ is an eigenfunction for the Laplacian with eigenvalue $1/4 - \nu_j^2$. The constant term $A_j(0)$ of $|f_j(z)|^2 = f_j(z)\overline{f_j(z)}$ is given by

$$A_j(0) = y \sum_{m \neq 0} |a_j(m)|^2 K_{\nu_j}(2\pi|m|y)^2.$$

Integrating $|f_j(z)|^2$ against an Eisenstein series gives, for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}} |f_j(z)|^2 E(z, s) d\mu(z) &= \int_0^\infty y^{s-1} \sum_{m \neq 0} |a_j(m)|^2 K_{\nu_j}(2\pi|m|y)^2 dy \\ &= \sum_{m \neq 0} |a_j(m)|^2 \int_0^\infty y^{s-1} K_{\nu_j}(2\pi|m|y)^2 dy. \end{aligned}$$

The Mellin transform of $K_{\nu_j}(2\pi|m|y)^2$ is given by

$$\int_0^\infty y^{s-1} K_{\nu_j}(2\pi|m|y)^2 dy = \frac{1}{8} (\pi|n|)^{-s} \Gamma(s)^{-1} \Gamma(s/2)^2 \Gamma(s/2 + \nu_j) \Gamma(s/2 - \nu_j).$$

For each j we define the zeta-function $R_{f_j}(s)$ by

$$R_{f_j}(s) = \frac{\Gamma(s/2)^2}{8\pi^s \Gamma(s)} \Gamma(s/2 + \nu_j) \Gamma(s/2 - \nu_j) \sum_{m \neq 0} \frac{|a_j(m)|^2}{|n|^s}.$$

Thus $\int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}} |f_j(z)|^2 E(z, s) d\mu(z) = R_{f_j}(s)$. The analytic properties of R_{f_j} (meromorphic continuation, functional equation, position of poles) are inherited from the corresponding properties of the Eisenstein series $E(z, s)$.