# Fast Computation for Generalized Dedekind Sums

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### Remark

It takes  $\mathcal{O}(c)$  time to compute s(h,k) from definition.

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$$\mathcal{O}(c) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\log(c))$$

# Research Question

Given  $\gamma=\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a&b\\c&d\end{smallmatrix}\right)\in\Gamma_0(N)$ , is there an algorithm to compute the generalized Dedekind sum of  $\gamma$  faster than O(c)?

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For

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## **Definitions: Dirichlet Characters**

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A Dirichlet character  $\chi \mod q$  is a function  $\chi: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C}$  with the following properties:

- 1.  $\chi(n+ql) = \chi(n) \ \forall n, l \in \mathbb{Z}$
- **2.**  $\chi(n) = 0$  if and only if  $\gcd(n,q) \neq 1$
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Note that  $\psi$  is trivial in  $\Gamma_1(N)$ , so  $S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}$  is a homomorphism from  $\Gamma_1(N)$  to  $\mathbb C$  (more succinctly  $S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}\in \operatorname{Hom}(\Gamma_1(N),\mathbb C)$ ).

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## Example

Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H = 5\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $G/H = \{0 + 5\mathbb{Z}, 1 + 5\mathbb{Z}, 2 + 5\mathbb{Z}, 3 + 5\mathbb{Z}, 4 + 5\mathbb{Z}\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{0, 6, 2, 18, -1\}$ . Since  $23 \in 3 + 5\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\overline{23} = 18$ .

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## Lemma (Schreier's Lemma)

Let S be a set which finitely generates G, and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a right transversal of H in G. The set

$$\{U(t, s): t \in \mathcal{T}, s \in \mathcal{S}\}$$

generates H.

This set is commonly referred to as the *Schreier generators* of H.

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However, this takes a long time!

## Problem

#### Lemma

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More specifically, one can decompose any matrix  $M \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  into the following form:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \pm T^{a_1} S T^{a_2} S \dots T^{a_{r-1}} S T^{a_r}.$$

Note that  $-1 = S^2$ . Furthermore, we can precisely describe  $a_k$  via the Euclidean algorithm.

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Note that 2r grows as  $\log(c)$  and  $|a_1| + |a_2| + \ldots + |a_r| + r$  grows as c.

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$$U((\frac{1}{0}, \frac{1}{1}), S) = U((\frac{1}{0}, \frac{0}{1}), S)$$

$$U((\frac{1}{1}, \frac{-3}{2}), S) = U((\frac{1}{1}, \frac{6}{1}), S)$$

$$\vdots$$

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$$U((\frac{152}{81}, \frac{-137}{73}), -I) = U((\frac{8}{9}, \frac{7}{8}), S^{2}).$$

Using this we can express our desired Dedekind sum as a linear combination of precomputed Dedekind sums.

$$\begin{split} S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(\gamma_1) &= 0 \cdot S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^9)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^1)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), S)) \\ &- 1 \cdot S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 9 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^9)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 9 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^7)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 7 \end{smallmatrix}\right), S)) \\ &\vdots \\ &- 2 \cdot S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^9)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^7)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 9 \end{smallmatrix}\right), S)) \\ &- 1 \cdot S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 9 & 8 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^9)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 9 & 8 \end{smallmatrix}\right), T^8)) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(U(\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 9 & 8 \end{smallmatrix}), S^2)). \end{split}$$

Now, using the precomputed Dedekind sums, we arrive at the final result

$$S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(\gamma_0) = S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(\gamma_1) + S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(g) = 0.$$

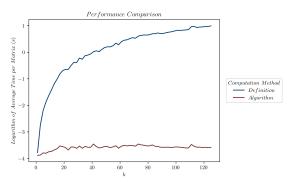
# Time Complexity

#### Theorem

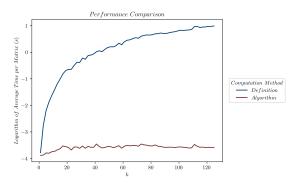
Given primitive Dirichlet characters  $\chi_1,\chi_2$  and respective conductors  $q_1,q_2>1$  such that  $\chi_1\chi_2(-1)=1$ . Let  $\gamma=\left(\begin{smallmatrix} a&b\\c&d\end{smallmatrix}\right)\in\Gamma_0(q_1q_2)$ . For fixed  $q_1,q_2$ , the time complexity of finding  $S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(\gamma)$  as a function of  $\gamma$  is  $O(\log(c))$ .

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The performance of the algorithm always exceeds that of the definition.

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Computing  $S_{\chi_1,\chi_2}(\gamma)$  by definition takes  $5.531*10^4$  seconds (around 15 hours), whereas it takes  $5.128*10^{-2}$  seconds using our algorithm.

#### Conclusion

Thank you for listening!

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