

# Fast Computation for Generalized Dedekind Sums

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$$\begin{aligned} s(5, 3) &= \sum_{n=0}^2 B_1\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) B_1\left(\frac{5n}{3}\right) = \\ &B_1\left(\frac{0}{3}\right) B_1\left(\frac{0}{3}\right) + B_1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) B_1\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + B_1\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) B_1\left(\frac{10}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{18} \end{aligned}$$

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## Remark

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

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



# Research Question

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

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$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \langle S, T \rangle.$$

# Definitions: Dirichlet Characters

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

1.  $\chi(n + ql) = \chi(n) \forall n, l \in \mathbb{Z}$
2.  $\chi(n) = 0$  if and only if  $\gcd(n, q) \neq 1$
3.  $\chi(mn) = \chi(m)\chi(n) \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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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  $S_{\chi_1, \chi_2} \in \text{Hom}(\Gamma_1(N), \mathbb{C})$ ).

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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  $\mathcal{S}$  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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# 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.*

## Remark

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

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- ▶ Find a right transversal  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})}$  of  $\Gamma_1(N)$  in  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .
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Using this we can express our desired Dedekind sum as a linear combination of precomputed Dedekind sums.

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S_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(\gamma_1) = & 0 \cdot S_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(U(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T^9)) + S_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(U(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T^1)) + S_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(U(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, S)) \\
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Now, using the precomputed Dedekind sums, we arrive at the final result

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

## Theorem

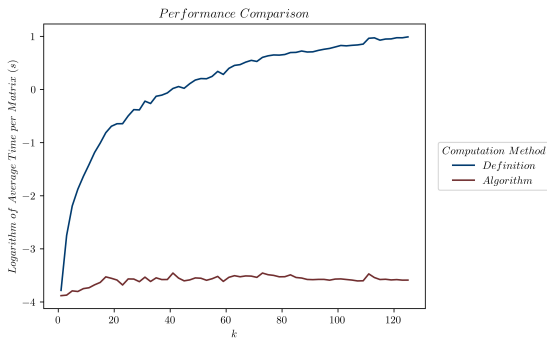
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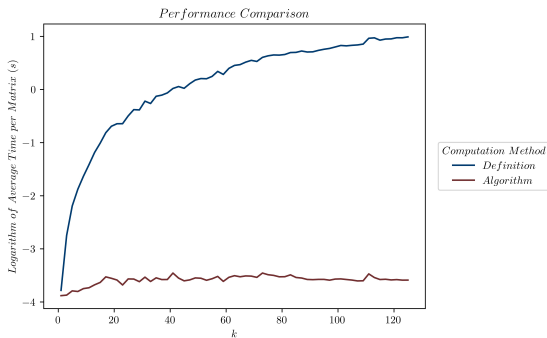
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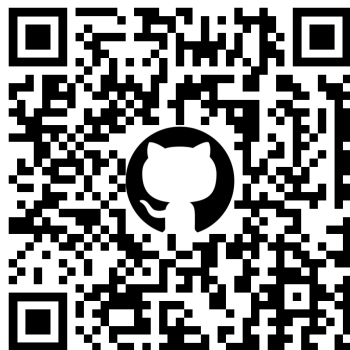
Computing  $S_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(\gamma)$  by definition takes  $5.531 * 10^4$  seconds (around 15 hours), whereas it takes  $5.128 * 10^{-2}$  seconds using our algorithm.

# Conclusion

Thank you for listening!

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