

Hecke Operators

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Chapter 1

Preliminary

Everything in the preliminary section follows the notations and definitions from [3].

1.1 Modular Forms

Definition. For $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \tau = \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$ for all $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$ where \mathfrak{H} is the complex half plane. We can extend action to the group $GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$ to act on $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ by $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \frac{am+bn}{cm+dn}$.

Definition. For $N \in \mathbb{N}$, define the principal congruence subgroup of level N to be

$$\Gamma(N) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

and say a subgroup of Γ of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is a congruence subgroup if $\Gamma(N) \subseteq \Gamma$ for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

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Note that by taking $\Gamma_0(N) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$ by $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mapsto d \pmod{N}$ is a surjective homomorphism with kernel $\Gamma_1(N)$. This shows that $\Gamma_1(N)$ is normal in $\Gamma_0(N)$, and the quotient is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$.

Definition. For any $\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$, define the factor of automorphy $j(\gamma, \tau) \in \mathbb{C}$ for $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$ to be $j(\gamma, \tau) = c\tau + d$. For such a γ , we can define the weight k operator $[\gamma]_k$ on functions $f : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$(f[\gamma]_k)(\tau) = (\det \gamma)^{k-1} j(\gamma, \tau)^{-k} f(\gamma(\tau))$$

for $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$.

For a congruence subgroup Γ of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we say that a meromorphic function $f : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is weakly modular of weight k with respect to Γ , if $f[\gamma]_k = f$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. That is, $f(\gamma(\tau)) = j(\gamma, \tau)^k f(\tau)$.

f is a modular form of weight k with respect to Γ , if it is holomorphic, weight- k invariant under Γ and $f[\alpha]_k$ is holomorphic at ∞ for all $\alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. If in addition, the first coefficient of the Fourier expansion of $f[\alpha]_k$ is zero for all $\alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, then f is a cusp form. We denote the set of modular forms of weight k with respect to Γ by $M_k(\Gamma)$, and cusp forms by $S_k(\Gamma)$.

1.2 Modular Curves

Definition. Let $\Gamma \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be a congruence subgroup. Define the modular curve $Y(\Gamma) = \Gamma \backslash \mathfrak{H} = \{\Gamma\tau : \tau \in \mathfrak{H}\}$ to be the space of orbits of Γ acting on \mathfrak{H} .

In particular, denote $Y_0(N) = \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathfrak{H}$, $Y_1(N) = \Gamma_1(N) \backslash \mathfrak{H}$ and $Y(N) = \Gamma(N) \backslash \mathfrak{H}$.

We should note here that, technically, $Y(\Gamma)$ is a curve, which is the set of solutions of some given equation. what we are really defining here is $Y(\Gamma)(\mathbb{C})$.

Definition. The set of enhanced elliptic curve for $\Gamma_0(N)$, denoted $S_0(N)$, consists of ordered pairs (E, C) where E is an elliptic curve and C is a cyclic subgroup of E of order N . $(E, C) \sim (E', C')$ if there is an isomorphism of E and E' taking C to C' .

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The set of enhanced elliptic curve for $\Gamma(N)$, denoted $S(N)$, consists of ordered pairs $(E, (P, Q))$ where E is an elliptic curve and (P, Q) are points in E that generates $E[N]$ with Weil pairing $e_N(P, Q) = e^{2\pi i/N}$. (Recall that $E[N] \cong (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2$). $(E, (P, Q)) \sim (E', (P', Q'))$ if there is an isomorphism of E and E' taking P to P' and Q to Q' .

Theorem. [3, Thm 1.5.1] *Modulo details, there are bijections $S_0(N) \cong Y_0(N)$, $S_1(N) \cong Y_1(N)$ and $S(N) \cong Y(N)$.*

Example. For $N = 1$, $Y_0(1) = Y_1(1) = Y(1) = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathfrak{H}$. Recall that an elliptic curve can be determined by a lattice generated by 1 and some $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$. Two lattices generated the same elliptic curve if $\tau' \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})\tau$. This agrees with our theorem.

$Y(\Gamma)$ can be made into a Riemann surface (1 dimension complex manifold) by taking the quotient topology obtained from the quotient map $\pi : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \Gamma$ by $\tau \mapsto \Gamma\tau$. We can compactify $Y(\Gamma)$ to get $X(\Gamma) = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash (\mathfrak{H} \cup \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\})$. The extra points are called the cusps. $X(\Gamma)$ is Hausdorff, connected and compact [3, Pro 2.4.2].

If f is weight k invariant with respect to Γ , then f is a degree k homogenous function on modular curves with respect to Γ . For details, see [3, Pg 41].

Chapter 2

Hecke Operators

We will motivate Hecke Operators following [3] by introducing double coset operators.

2.1 Double Coset

Definition. Let Γ_1 and Γ_2 be congruence subgroups and let $\alpha \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$, define

$$\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2 = \{\gamma_1\alpha\gamma_2 : \gamma_1 \in \Gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma_2\}$$

to be the double coset in $GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$.

The group Γ_1 acts on $\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2$ by left multiplication, partitioning it into orbits. It can be shown that the number of orbits is finite [3, pg 164]. Suppose $\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2 = \coprod_j \Gamma_1\beta_j$ where $\{\beta_j\}$ are the orbit representatives

Definition. [3, Def 5.1.3] For congruence subgroups Γ_1 and Γ_2 of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and $\alpha \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$, the weight- k $[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k$ operator takes functions $f \in M_k(\Gamma_1)$ to

$$f[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k = \sum_j f[\beta_j]_k$$

This is well-defined [3, Exercise 5.1.3]. In fact, we have the following theorem.

Theorem. $[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k : M_k(\Gamma_1) \rightarrow M_k(\Gamma_2)$ and $S_k(\Gamma_1) \rightarrow S_k(\Gamma_2)$.

Proof. The full proof can be found on page 165 of [3]. Here, we will only show invariance.

For all $\gamma \in \Gamma_2$, the map $\Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2$ given by $\Gamma_1\beta \mapsto \Gamma_1\beta\gamma$ is well-defined and bijective. Therefore,

$$(f[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k)[\gamma]_k = \sum_j f[\beta_j\gamma]_k = f[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k.$$

□

Special cases [3]:

1. When $\Gamma_1 \supset \Gamma_2$, with $\alpha = I$ then $[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k$ is the natural inclusion of $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ into $M_k(\Gamma_2)$.
2. $\Gamma_1 \subset \Gamma_2$. Taking $\alpha = I$ again, and letting $\{\gamma_{2,j}\}$ be the set of coset representatives for $\Gamma_1 \backslash \Gamma_2$ makes the double coset operator $f[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k = \sum_j f[\gamma_{2,j}]_k$ the natural trace map that projects $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ onto $M_k(\Gamma_2)$ by symmetrizing over the quotient.

3. If $\alpha^{-1}\Gamma_1\alpha = \Gamma_2$ then $f[\Gamma_1\alpha\Gamma_2]_k = f[\alpha]_k$, the natural translation, is an isomorphism.

2.2 T_n and $\langle d \rangle$

Definition. Let $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1(N)$ and let $\alpha \in \Gamma_0(N)$. Recall that $\Gamma_0(N)/\Gamma_1(N) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$ by the map $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mapsto d \pmod N$. This shows that $\Gamma_1(N) \trianglelefteq \Gamma_0(N)$, and we have

$$f[\Gamma_1(N)\alpha\Gamma_1(N)]_k = f[\alpha]_k$$

for all $\alpha \in \Gamma_0(N)$ and $f \in M_k(\Gamma_1(N))$. This is case 3 from above.

Note that this induces an action of $\alpha \in \Gamma_0(N)$ on $M_k(\Gamma_1(N))$. Because $\Gamma_1(N)$ acts trivially on f , this really is an action of $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$ on $M_k(\Gamma_1(N))$. For $d \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$, we can define the Diamond Operator

$$\langle d \rangle : M_k(\Gamma_1(N)) \mapsto M_k(\Gamma_1(N))$$

by $\langle d \rangle f = f[\alpha]_k$ for any $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & \delta \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$ with $\delta \equiv d \pmod N$.

Definition. Again, let $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1(N)$. Let $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix}$ for some prime p . Then define

$$T_p : M_k(\Gamma_1(N)) \rightarrow M_k(\Gamma_1(N))$$

by $T_p f = f[\Gamma_1(N)\alpha\Gamma_1(N)]_k$.

Now, we will show that T_p and $\langle d \rangle$ commutes. For full detail, see page 169 of [3]. To do this, first observe that

$$\Gamma_1(N) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix} \Gamma_1(N) = \left\{ \gamma \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \gamma \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix} \pmod N, \det \gamma = p \right\}.$$

In fact, for any $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$, $\gamma\alpha\gamma^{-1} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix} \pmod N$. Suppose that $\Gamma_1(N)\alpha\Gamma_1(N) = \cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j$, and fix $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1(N)\alpha\Gamma_1(N) &= \Gamma_1(N)\gamma\alpha\gamma^{-1}\Gamma_1(N) \\ &= \gamma\Gamma_1(N)\alpha\Gamma_1(N)\gamma^{-1} \text{ by normality} \\ &= \gamma \cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j\gamma^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have $\cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j = \gamma \cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j\gamma^{-1}$ and thus $\cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\gamma\beta_j = \cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j\gamma^{-1}$. Note, it need not be the same for each term. We can now show commutativity with this identity.

Let $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$ where the lower right corner entry is $\delta \equiv d \pmod N$. Then

$$\langle d \rangle T_p f = \langle d \rangle \sum_j f[\beta_j]_k = \sum_j f[\beta_j\gamma]_k = \sum_j f[\gamma\beta_j]_k = T_p \langle d \rangle f$$

for all $f \in M_k(\Gamma_1(N))$.

In fact, we can find that $\beta_j = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & j \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix}$ for $0 \leq j < p$ and $\beta_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ N & p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ if $p \nmid N$ where $mp - nN = 1$ [3, Page 170].

Proposition. [3, Prop 5.2.1]

$$T_p f = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} f \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & j \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix} \right]_k & \text{if } p \mid N \\ \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} f \left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 & j \\ 0 & p \end{bmatrix} \right]_k + f \left[\begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ N & p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right]_k & \text{if } p \nmid N \text{ where } mp - nN = 1 \end{cases}$$

In other words,

$$T_p f(\tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} f\left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right) & \text{if } p \mid N \\ \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} f\left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right) + p^{k-1} f(p\tau) & \text{if } p \nmid N \end{cases}$$

Note that in this last formula, it does not matter that $f \in M_k(\Gamma_1)$. In fact, with this algebraic formula, we can define Hecke operators on any congruence subgroup Γ .

Now, we try to extend $\langle d \rangle$ and T_P to all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $\gcd(n, N) = 1$, define $\langle n \rangle$ to be $\langle n \pmod N \rangle$. If $\gcd(n, N) > 1$, then define $\langle n \rangle = 0$. This definition makes $\langle \cdot \rangle$ multiplicative on \mathbb{Z}^+ . For prime powers p^r , define $T_{p^r} = T_p T_{p^{r-1}} - p^{k-1} \langle p \rangle T_{p^{r-2}}$ for $r \geq 2$. Then for $n = \prod p_i^{e_i}$ as its prime factorization, define $T_n = \prod T_{p_i^{e_i}}$. By construction T_n and $\langle d \rangle$ still commute.

2.3 Modular Curve Interpretation

Let Γ_1 and Γ_2 be congruence subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Suppose $\Gamma_1 \alpha \Gamma_2 = \coprod_j \Gamma_1 \beta_j$, where $\{\beta_j\}$ are coset representations. Let $X_1 = X(\Gamma_1)$ and $X_2 = X(\Gamma_2)$, then $[\Gamma_1 \alpha \Gamma_2]_k : Div(X_2) \rightarrow Div(X_1)$ by $\Gamma_2 \tau \mapsto \sum_j \Gamma_1 \beta_j(\tau)$ [3, Pg 166].

We will consider the case where the Hecke operators act on $\Gamma = \Gamma_1(N)$ (don't care about the weight). We will now give a geometric interpretation of this, following Remark 1.11 and section 1.3 of [4], and page 174 of [3]. Recall that the modular curve $Y_1(N)$ is in bijective correspondence with $S_1(N)$. $S_1(N)$ consists of pairs (E, Q) where E is an elliptic curve and Q is a point of E of order N . For $p \nmid N$, the moduli space interpretation is $T_P : Div(S_1(N)) \rightarrow Div(S_1(N))$ by $[E, Q] \mapsto \sum_C [E/C, Q + C]$ where the sum is taken over all subgroups C of E of order p such that $C \cap \langle Q \rangle = \{id_E\}$. This comes from the fact that we have the following correspondence,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Div(Y_1(N)) & \xrightarrow{T_p} & Div(Y_1(N)) & & \Gamma_1(N)\tau & \mapsto & \sum_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j(\tau) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Div(S_1(N)) & \xrightarrow{T_p} & Div(S_1(N)) & & [E_\tau, \frac{1}{N} + \Lambda_\tau] & \mapsto & \sum_C [E_\tau/C, \frac{1}{N} + C] \end{array}$$

For more details about why this is true, see page 174 of [3].

There is an isogeny from \mathbb{C}/Λ to \mathbb{C}/Λ' if and only if there exists some $m \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $m\Lambda \subseteq \Lambda'$. If $p \nmid N$, then there are exact $p+1$ distinct p -isogenies from $(\mathbb{C}/\langle \tau, 1 \rangle, \frac{1}{N})$. Their images are: $(\mathbb{C}/\langle \frac{\tau+j}{p}, 1 \rangle, \frac{1}{N})$ for $j = 0, \dots, p-1$ and $(\mathbb{C}/\langle p\tau, 1 \rangle, \frac{p}{N})$. If $p \mid N$, then we lose the last p -isogeny, because the point $\frac{p}{N}$ is of order less than N . Note, these $p+1$ isogenies are exactly $\phi_j(\tau) = \frac{\tau+j}{p}$ for $j = 0, \dots, p-1$ and $\phi_\infty(\tau) = \langle p \rangle p\tau$. The map $f(\tau) \mapsto \omega_f = 2\pi i f(\tau) d\tau$ is an isomorphism between $S_2(\Gamma)$ and $\Omega^1(X_\Gamma)$ of holomorphic differentials on X_Γ [4, Lemma 1.12]. This also shows that $\dim S_2(\Gamma)$ is finite and equal to $g = \text{genus}(X(\Gamma))$. Notice that $\phi_j^*(\omega_f) = 2\pi i f\left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right) d\left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right) = \frac{2\pi i}{p} f\left(\frac{\tau+j}{p}\right) d\tau$

for all $j = 0, \dots, p-1$. Combining this fact, with the algebraic definition of T_p , we see that for $p \nmid N$,

$$\omega_{T_p(f)} = \sum \phi_j^*(\omega_f).$$

2.4 Petersson Inner Product

Definition. Define the hyperbolic measure on the upper half plane $d\mu(\tau) = \frac{dx dy}{y^2}$ for all $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$.

We can extend the measure to $\mathfrak{H}^* = \mathfrak{H} \cup \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ because $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ has measure zero. This is invariant under $GL_2^+(R)$, so in particular, it's $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant. Recall that

$$D^* = \left\{ \tau \in \mathfrak{H} : |Re(\tau)| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |\tau| \geq 1 \right\} \cup \{\infty\}$$

is a fundamental domain of \mathfrak{H}^* under the action of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$. It can be shown that for any continuous and bounded functions $\phi : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $\int_{D^*} \phi(\alpha(\tau)) d\mu(\tau)$ converges. Let $\{\alpha_j\} \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be a set of coset representatives, so that $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \coprod_j \{\pm I\} \Gamma \alpha_j$.

Now, consider $\phi : \mathfrak{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ in $M_k(\Gamma)$. Since ϕ and $d\mu$ are Γ invariant, we have

$$\sum_j \int_{D^*} \phi(\alpha_j(\tau)) d\mu(\tau) = \int_{\cup \alpha_j D^*} \phi(\tau) d\mu(\tau). \tag{2.4.1}$$

Furthermore, $\cup \alpha_j D^*$ represents $X(\Gamma)$ up to some boundary identification, so we can define $\int_{X(\Gamma)} \phi(\tau) d\mu(\tau)$ to be equation (2.4.1).

Definition. For a congruence subgroup Γ , define the volume of Γ to be $V_\Gamma = \int_{X(\Gamma)} d\mu(\tau)$.

Fact. $V_\Gamma = [SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \{\pm\}\Gamma] V_{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}$.

Definition. Let $\Gamma \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be a congruence subgroup. Define the Petersson Inner product by

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\Gamma : S_k(\Gamma) \times S_k(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle_\Gamma = \frac{1}{V_\Gamma} \int_{X(\Gamma)} f(\tau) \overline{g(\tau)} (Im(\tau))^k d\mu(\tau)$$

It can be shown that this is well-defined ($f(\tau) \overline{g(\tau)} (Im(\tau))^k$ is Γ invariant and the integral converges). Additionally, it is not hard to see that this is linear in the first variable, and conjugate linear in the second. Additionally, it's Hermitian-symmetric and positive definite. The reason for $\frac{1}{V_\Gamma}$ is so that if $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$, then $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\Gamma'} = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\Gamma$ on $S_k(\Gamma)$. This is only defined on cusp forms because because the inner product does not converge on all of $M_k(\Gamma)$.

For $\Gamma \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ a congruence subgroup and $\alpha \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$, define $\alpha' = \det(\alpha)\alpha^{-1}$. By computation, we have that $[\alpha]_k^* = [\alpha']_k$ and $[\Gamma\alpha\Gamma]_k^* = [\Gamma\alpha'\Gamma]_k$ are their adjoints under the Petersson Inner Product [3, Prop 5.5.2]. In particular, on $S_k(\Gamma_1(N))$, and for $p \nmid N$, we have adjoints: $\langle p \rangle^* = \langle p \rangle^{-1}$ and $T_p^* = \langle p \rangle^{-1} T_p$. For this, we can show that $\langle n \rangle$ and T_n for $\gcd(n, N) = 1$, are all normal. By the Spectral Theorem of linear algebra, since $S_k(\Gamma_1(N))$ is finite dimensional, and $\langle n \rangle, T_n$ for $\gcd(n, N) = 1$ are a commuting family of normal operators, there exists an orthogonal basis of simultaneous eigenvectors for the operators.

Let \mathbb{T} denote the \mathbb{C} -algebra generated by the all Hecke operators T_n and $\langle d \rangle$. A modular form is an eigenform if it is a simultaneous eigenvector for all $T \in \mathbb{T}$. Note that this does not form a basis, because \mathbb{T} is not semi-simple. Let \mathbb{T}^0 denote the set of all T_n and $\langle n \rangle$ where $\gcd(n, N) = 1$. This algebra is semi-simple and so we have an orthogonal basis of simultaneous eigenforms.

2.5 Eigenforms

Definition. If $f \in S_k(\Gamma)$ is an eigenform if it is a simultaneous eigenvector for all $T \in \mathbb{T}$. If it has Fourier expansion $f(\tau) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(f)q^n$ where $a_1(f) = 1$ then we say f is normalized.

Let f be an eigenform, then it has an associated algebra homomorphism $\lambda_f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where $Tf = \lambda(T)f$ for all $T \in \mathbb{T}$. Additionally, we can define $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ by sending n to the eigenvalue of $\langle n \rangle$ corresponding to f , that is $\langle n \rangle f = \chi(n)f$. It can be shown that χ is a Dirichlet character.

Proposition. [4, 1.17] *Given a non-zero algebra homomorphism $\lambda : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, there is exactly one eigenform, up to scaling, such that $Tf = \lambda(T)f$ for all $T \in \mathbb{T}$.*

Proposition. [3, Prop 5.8.5] *Let $f \in M_k(N)$ with associated character χ . Then f is a normalized eigenform if and only if the coefficients of the Fourier series satisfies the following:*

1. $a_1(f) = 1$
2. $a_{p^r}(f) = a_p(f)a_{p^{r-1}}(f) - \chi(p)p^{k-1}a_{p^{r-2}}(f)$ for all p prime and $r \geq 2$
3. $a_{mn}(f) = a_m(f)a_n(f)$ when $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

To summarize, $a_n(f) = a_1(f)\lambda(T_n)$.

Definition. For a modular form $f \in M_k(N)$ where χ is a Dirichlet character, define its L -function to be $L(s, f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n^{-s}$ where $f(\tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n \tau}$ is its Fourier series expansion.

With some work, the previous proposition shows that f is a normalized eigenform, if and only if its L function has an Euler product expansion [4, Thm 1.26] [3, Thm 5.9.2]

$$L(s, f) = \prod_p (1 - a_p p^{-s} + \chi(p) p^{k-1-2s})^{-1}.$$

Here, we take $\chi(p) = 0$ for $p|N$.

Chapter 3

Galois Representation

The definitions and constructions in this chapter come from various sections of [4].

3.1 Jacobian

Recall that the map $f(\tau) \mapsto w_f = 2\pi i f(\tau) d\tau$ is an isomorphism between $S_2(\Gamma)$ and $\Omega^1(X_\Gamma)$ of holomorphic differentials on X_Γ [4, Lemma 1.12]. This shows that $\dim S_2(\Gamma)$ is equal to $g = \text{genus}(X(\Gamma))$.

Let $V = S_2(\Gamma)^v = \text{Hom}(S_2(\Gamma), \mathbb{C})$ be the dual space of $S_2(\Gamma)$, the weight 2 cusp forms of some congruence subgroup Γ of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. This is a complex vector space of dimension $g = \text{genus}(X(\Gamma))$. The integral homology $\Lambda = H_1(X(\Gamma), \mathbb{Z})$ maps naturally to V by sending a homology cycle c to the functional ϕ_c where $\phi_c(f) = \int_c w_f$. The image of Λ is a discrete \mathbb{Z} -module of rank $2g$, so it can be viewed as a lattice in V . We call the complex torus V/Λ , the Jacobian variety of $X(\Gamma)$ over \mathbb{C} . If $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(N)$ or $\Gamma_1(N)$, we will write $J_0(N)$ and $J_1(N)$ respectively.

Fix $\tau_0 \in \mathfrak{H}$. Define the Abel-Jacobi map $\Phi_{AJ} : X(\Gamma)(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow J_\Gamma$ by $\Phi_{AJ}(P)(f) = \int_{\tau_0}^P w_f$. This is well-defined and does not depend on the choice of path. By linearity, we can extend this to a map on $\text{Div}(X(\Gamma))$. Then we can restrict it down to the degree 0 divisors $\text{Div}^0(X(\Gamma))$. Here, the Abel-Jacobi map no longer depends on the base point τ_0 .

Theorem. [4, Thm 1.15] (*Abel-Jacobi Theorem*). *The map $\Phi_{AJ} : \text{Div}^0(X(\Gamma)) \rightarrow J_\Gamma$ has kernel consisting of precisely $P(X(\Gamma))$ which is the set of principal divisors. Therefore, the map induces an isomorphism between J_Γ and the Picard group, $\text{Pic}^0(X(\Gamma)) = \text{Div}^0(X(\Gamma)) / P(X(\Gamma))$.*

Hecke operators act on $V = (S_2(\Gamma))^v$ via duality and they hold Λ stable. Hence, Hecke operators give rise to endomorphisms of J_Γ .

Definition. A correspondence on a curve X is a divisor C on $X \times X$ taken modulo $\{P\} \times X$ and $X \times \{Q\}$.

Let π_1 and π_2 denote the projection of $X \times X$ onto each of the factors. Then C induces a map on $\text{Div}(X)$ by $C(D) = \pi_2(\pi_1^{-1}(D) \cdot C)$, where $D_1 \cdot D_2$ denotes intersection of the two divisors. C preserves the divisors of degree 0 and sends principal divisors to principal divisors. Hence C gives an algebraic endomorphism of $\text{Jac}(X)$. We can in fact define composition of correspondences to get that the set of correspondences form a ring. See [6] for more details.

Now, back to $X(\Gamma)$. See page 32 of [4] for more details. We define the Hecke correspondence T_n to be the closure in $X_\Gamma \times X_\Gamma$ of the locus of points (A, B) in $Y_\Gamma \times Y_\Gamma$, where there is a degree n isogeny of elliptic curves with Γ structure from A to B . Let's examine a concrete example, with $\Gamma = \Gamma_1(N)$ and let $p \nmid N$. Consider the

graph of T_p in $(X_1(N) \times X_1(N))$. This is a correspondence. Consider what the induced map of T_p is on divisors. By definition,

$$T_p((E, P)) = \pi_2(\pi_1^{-1}((E, P)) \cdot T_p) = \sum (E/C, P \pmod C)$$

where the sum runs over the subgroups C of E with order p . If (A, B) belongs to T_p then the isogeny dual to $A \rightarrow B$ gives a p -isogeny from B to pA so that $T_p^v = \langle p \rangle^{-1} T_p$.

Let $\Gamma = \Gamma_1(N)$. Let $\phi_{X_1(N)}$ be the Frobenius morphism on $X_1(N)_{/\mathbb{F}_p}$ which is a degree p isogeny that raises coordinates to the p -th power. Here, $X_1(N)_{/\mathbb{F}_p}$ is the reduction of the curve to characteristic p . For more detail on how this is done, see page 36 of [4]. Consider the graph of $\phi_{X_1(N)}$ in $(X_1(N) \times X_1(N))_{/\mathbb{F}_p}$. It is a correspondence of degree p , which will now be called F . Fix a point $(E, P) \in X_1(N)_{/\mathbb{F}_p}$. Our goal is to compute $T_p((E, P))$ using the Frobenius map. Let $(E_\infty, P_\infty) = \phi_{X_1(N)}((E, P))$. To find the other elliptic curves p -isogenous to E , we can consider the elliptic curves E , such that when we apply the Frobenius to it, we get E . To do so, we consider the transpose correspondence F' (interchange the two factors of $X_1(N) \times X_1(N)$). The corresponding endomorphism on J_Γ induced by F' is the dual endomorphism of ϕ_{J_Γ} . Consider the divisor

$$F'((E, P)) = (E_1, P_1) + \dots + (E_p, P_p)$$

Since ϕ_{E_i} , the Frobenius endomorphism on E_i , is an isogeny of degree p from (E_i, P_i) to (E, P) , we also have the dual isogeny from (E, P) to (E_i, pP_i) . If E is ordinary at p then $(E_\infty, P_\infty), (E_1, pP_1), \dots, (E_p, pP_p)$ are a complete list of distinct curves with Γ -structure which are p -isogenous to (E, P) . Hence, we have the following equality on divisors,

$$T_p((E, P)) = (E_\infty, P_\infty) + (E_1, pP_1) + \dots + (E_p, pP_p) = (F + \langle p \rangle F')((E, P)).$$

Since ordinary points are dense in $X_1(N)_{/\mathbb{F}_p}$, $T_p = (F + \langle p \rangle F')$ as endomorphisms of $J_1(N)_{/\mathbb{F}_p}$.

Theorem. [4, Thm 1.29] For $p \nmid N$, the endomorphism of T_p of J_{Γ/\mathbb{F}_q} satisfies $T_p = F + \langle p \rangle F'$. This is called the Eichler-Shimura congruence relation.

3.2 Shimura's Construction

Definition. Let $S_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z})$ to be the space of modular forms with integral Fourier coefficients in $S_2(\Gamma)$. Given a ring A , define $S_2(\Gamma, A) = S_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes A$. Note, $S_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) = S_2(\Gamma)$. Let $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ be the ring generated over \mathbb{Z} by the Hecke operators T_n and $\langle d \rangle$ acting on $S_2(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z})$. Given a ring A , define $\mathbb{T}_A = \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes A$. \mathbb{T}_A acts on $S_2(\Gamma, A)$ in a canonical way.

Let $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(f)q^n$ be an eigenform. Let K_f be a number field generated by all the $a_n(f)$'s. Let $\lambda_f : \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow K_f$ be associated algebra homomorphism. $I_f = \ker \lambda_f \cap \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}$. The image of $I_f(J_\Gamma)$ is a subabelian variety of J_Γ which is stable under the actions of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and is defined over \mathbb{Q} .

Definition. Define $A_f = J_\Gamma/I_f(J_\Gamma)$. It is an abelian variety defined over \mathbb{Q} and depends only on $[f]$ the orbit of f under $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$. Its endomorphism ring contains $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}/I_f$ which is isomorphic to an order in K_f . In fact, from the actions of \mathbb{T} , we get an embedding $K_f \hookrightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(A_f) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ [4, Prop 1.49].

A_f is a complex tori [4, Lemma 1.46]. Let V_f of $V = S_2(\Gamma)^v$ on which \mathbb{T} acts on via λ_f ($\{f : Tf = \lambda(T)f \forall T \in \mathbb{T}\}$). V_f has dimension 1 as a complex vector space [4, Thm 1.22, Lemma 1.34]. Let π_f be the orthogonal projection of V onto V_f relative to the Petersson inner product.

Let $[f]$ be all the eigenforms whose Fourier coefficients are Galois conjugates to those of f . The number of forms is $[K_f : \mathbb{Q}]$. Let $V_{[f]} = \bigoplus_{g \in [f]} V_g$ and $\pi_{[f]} = \sum_{g \in [f]} \pi_g$ which is simply the orthogonal projection of V onto $V_{[f]}$. It should be noted that $\pi_f \in \mathbb{T}_{K_f}$ and $\pi_{[f]} \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

Lemma. [4, Lemma 1.46] *The abelian variety is isomorphic over \mathbb{C} to the complex torus $V_{[f]}/\pi_{[f]}(\Lambda)$ with the map $\pi_{[f]} : V/\Lambda \rightarrow V_{[f]}/\pi_{[f]}(\Lambda)$ corresponding to the natural projection from J_Γ to A_f .*

This also shows that A_f is of dimension $[K_f : \mathbb{Q}]$.

Proposition. [4, Proposition 1.53] *The following are equivalent:*

- *The curve E is isogenous over \mathbb{Q} to A_f for some newform f on some congruence group Γ*
- *There is a non-constant morphism defined over \mathbb{Q} from $X_0(N)$ to E*

We won't discuss what newforms are, but basically we can decompose $S_k(\Gamma_1(N))$ into newforms and oldforms. For more information, see section 5.6 of [3].

In particular, if E is an elliptic curve that satisfy the above property, then we say it is a modular elliptic curve.

Conjecture. Shimura-Taniyama Conjecture [4, Conj 1.54]. All elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{Q} are modular.

Of course, we now know this is true for semi-stable elliptic curves (Andrew Wiles).

Define the Tate module of A_f by $T_\ell(A_f) = \varprojlim (A_f[\ell^n])$. $T_\ell(A_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ is free $K_f \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ module of rank 2 [4, Lemma 1.48].

Theorem. [4, Thm 1.41] *For $p \nmid N\ell$, the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism F on $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ -module $T_\ell(A_f) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ is $X^2 - T_p X + \langle p \rangle p = 0$.*

Proof. By Eichler-Shimura relation. □

3.3 Main Theorems

For this section, we will let $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(f)q^n$ be an eigenform of weight 2 and level N . Let $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^* \rightarrow C^*$ be its associated character, such that $\langle d \rangle f = \chi(d)f$. Let K_f be a number field generated by all the $a_n(f)$'s and values of χ .

The action of the Hecke algebra on $J_1(N)$ provides an embedding $K_f \hookrightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(A_f) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$. Recall that $T_\ell(A_f) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ is a free $K_f \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ module of rank 2. The action of the Galois group commutes with that of K_f , so by choosing a basis for the Tate module, we get an interpretation $G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(K_f \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$. Because $K_f \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell$ can be identified with the product of completions of K_f at the primes over ℓ , we just induced an ℓ -adic representation of $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ from f .

Theorem. [5, Thm 4.4.1]

1. *Suppose $k \geq 2$. Then for all primes \mathfrak{p} of K_f , there exists an odd irreducible Galois representation*

$$\rho_{f,\mathfrak{p}} : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2 \left((K_f)_{\mathfrak{p}} \right)$$

such that for all ℓ prime to N and to \mathfrak{p} , $\rho_{f,\mathfrak{p}}$ is unramified at ℓ , and the characteristic polynomial of $\rho_{f,\mathfrak{p}}(\text{Frob}_\ell)$ is $x^2 - a_\ell(f)x + \chi(\ell)\ell^{k-1}$.

2. Suppose $k = 1$. Then there exists an odd irreducible Galois representation

$$\rho_f : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{C})$$

such that for all ℓ prime to N , ρ_f is unramified at ℓ , and the characteristic polynomial of $\rho_f(\text{Frob}_{\ell})$ is $x^2 - a_{\ell}(f)x + \chi(\ell)$.

Full proofs of these statements can be found in [1] and [2] for statements 1 and 2 respectively. The reason why the weight 1 case is stated in a separate statement is because it comes from Artin representations, and statement 1 comes from ℓ -adic representations.

For $k = 2$, $J_1(N)$ has good reduction at all primes $p \nmid N$. This shows that the action of the Galois group on $T_{\ell}(A_f) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ is unramified and is described by the Frobenius endomorphism ϕ on the Tate module of the reduction. The characteristic polynomial of ϕ is $X^2 - T_p X + \langle p \rangle p = 0$ by the Eichler-Simura relation.

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