

# Reps of $GL_2$ lecture 5

## 1 Multiplicity one continued

### 1.1 Global Kirillov models

$S_{k,t}$  as before and let  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Definition 1.1.1.** For  $f \in S_{k,t}$ , let  $\phi_f$  be the function on  $\mathbb{A}_f^\times$  defined by

$$\phi_f(x) = \text{coefficient of } e^{2\pi i\tau} \text{ in Fourier expansion of } f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tau\right)$$

where we note that the Fourier expansion can involve  $e^{2\pi a\tau}$  for  $a \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proposition 1.1.2.** 1.  $\phi_f$  supported in  $\mathbb{A}_f^\times \cap (\text{compact set in } \mathbb{A}_f)$ .

2. For  $n \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}^\times$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_f(nx) &= n^{-t} a_n(f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tau\right)) \\ &= n^{-t} (\text{coefficient of } e^{2\pi i n\tau} \text{ in } f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tau\right)) \end{aligned}$$

3.  $\phi_{\begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & b \end{pmatrix}_f}(x) = \theta(bx)\phi_f(ax)$  where  $\theta : \mathbb{A}_f \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is the unique smooth character such that  $\theta(x) = e^{-2\pi i x}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  (note that  $\mathbb{A}_f/\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ ).

4.  $f \mapsto \phi_f$  is injective.

*Proof.* 1. Very similar to local version

2. Look at how  $\begin{pmatrix} n & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  acts.

3. Formal if  $bx \in \mathbb{Q}$  and follows for all  $b$  via strong approximation (smooth characters are locally constant).

4. Clear from 2. that  $\phi_f$  determines  $f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tau\right)$  for all  $x, \tau$ . But  $\left(\mathbb{A}_f^\times \begin{pmatrix} & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$  contains a set of representatives for  $GL_2^+(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash GL_2(\mathbb{A}_f)/U$  for any open  $U$ . □

Now let  $\Pi$  be an irreducible subrepresentation of  $S_{k,t}$  (a *cuspidal automorphic representation* of  $GL_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ ) of weight  $k, t$ .

**Proposition 1.1.3.** 1. Have  $\Pi = \bigotimes'_\ell \Pi_\ell$ , where  $\Pi_\ell$  is infinite dimensional irreducible representation of  $GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ .

2. Consider the space

$$K(\Pi) = \{\phi_f : f \in \Pi\}$$

then  $K(\Pi) \cong \bigotimes'_\ell K(\Pi_\ell, \theta_\ell)$  via the map sending  $\phi_{\otimes x_\ell} \mapsto \bigotimes_\ell \phi_{x_\ell}$ .

**Corollary 1.1.4.** *Let  $\Pi_1, \Pi_2$  be two cuspidal automorphic representations of weight  $(k, t)$  such that*

$$\Pi_1 \cong \Pi_2$$

*as  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ -representations. Then  $\Pi_1 = \Pi_2$ .*

*Proof.* Uniqueness of Kirillov model means that if  $\Pi_{1,\ell} \cong \Pi_{2,\ell}$  then  $K(\Pi_{1,\ell}, \theta_\ell)$  and  $K(\Pi_{2,\ell}, \theta_\ell)$  are the same function spaces on  $\mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times$ . If this holds for all  $\ell$  then  $K(\Pi_1) = K(\Pi_2)$ . Since we can recover the function  $f$  from  $\phi_f$  we get that  $\Pi_1 = \Pi_2$  as function spaces inside  $S_{k,t}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.1.5.** *(Strong multiplicity one) Let  $\Pi_1, \Pi_2$  be cuspidal automorphic representations of same weight as before. Suppose  $\Pi_{1,\ell} \cong \Pi_{2,\ell}$  for almost all  $\ell$ . Then  $\Pi_1 = \Pi_2$ .*

*Proof.* Choose a finite set of primes  $S$  containing all  $\ell$  such that  $\Pi_{1,\ell} \neq \Pi_{2,\ell}$ . For  $\ell \in S$  let  $\phi_{\ell,1} = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell^\times} \in K(\Pi_{1,\ell}, \theta_\ell)$ , which we can do since  $C_c^\infty(G_\ell) \subset K(\Pi_{1,\ell}, \theta_\ell)$ . For  $\ell \notin S$  choose any  $\phi_\ell \in K(\Pi_{1,\ell}) = K(\Pi_{2,\ell})$  with almost all equal to the spherical vector. Then  $\phi = \otimes_\ell \phi_\ell \in K(\Pi_1) \cap K(\Pi_2)$ . Since  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  are irreducible and

$$S_{k,t} \hookrightarrow (\text{functions on } \mathbb{A}_f^\times)$$

this shows  $\Pi_1 \cap \Pi_2 \neq 0 \implies \Pi_1 = \Pi_2$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.1.6.** • Ramakrishnan has shown that if  $\Pi_1 \neq \Pi_2$  then  $\{\ell : \Pi_{1,\ell} \cong \Pi_{2,\ell}\}$  has density  $\leq 7/8$ .

- The analogue of multiplicity one for  $\mathrm{SL}_2$  is true but the naïve analogue of strong multiplicity one is false.

## 1.2 Concrete consequences of multiplicity one

**Proposition 1.2.1.**

$$S_{k,t} = \bigoplus_{\substack{\Pi \text{ CAR} \\ \text{weight } (k,t)}} \Pi$$

*Proof.* By twisting can assume  $t = k/2$ . Then

$$S_{k,t} \text{ unitarisable} \implies \text{direct sum of irreducibles}$$

and by multiplicity one each summand appears only once.  $\square$

This also shows summands are *orthogonal*. For each  $\Pi$ , let  $c(\Pi) = \prod_\ell \ell^{c(\pi_\ell)}$ . By Casselman's theorem

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Pi^{U_1(N)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } c(\Pi) \nmid N \\ \# \text{ of divisors of } N/c(\Pi) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, for  $N = c(\Pi)$ ,  $\Pi^{U_1(N)}$  is one-dimensional.

**Proposition 1.2.2.** *This gives a bijection*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{CARs of weight } (k, t)) \cong (\text{Normalised newforms in } S_{k,t}(\Gamma_1(N)) \text{ for some } N) \\ & \Pi \mapsto \text{modular form spanning } \Pi^{U_1(N)}, N = c(\Pi). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Given a CAR  $\Pi$ , let  $f_\Pi$  be any generator of  $\Pi^{U_1(N)}$ . Then  $f_\Pi(1, -)$  is a modular form of level  $N = c(\Pi)$  and is an eigenvector for  $T_\ell, U_\ell$  operators because these are double cosets  $(\varpi_\ell \ 1)$  up to scaling. Without loss of generality we can assume  $a_1(f_\Pi) = 1$  and  $f_\Pi$  is new because  $\Pi$  is orthogonal to all CARs of conductor  $< c(\Pi)$ .  $\square$

Upshot:  $S_k(\Gamma_1(N))$  decomposes as

$$\bigoplus_{\Pi \text{ CAR of conductor } c(\Pi) \nmid N} S_k(\Gamma_1(N))[\Pi]$$

with each summand spanned by  $f(d\tau)$  for  $d \mid N/c(\Pi)$  and if  $f_1, f_2$  are two normalised newforms such that  $a_\ell(f_1) \neq a_\ell(f_2)$  for infinitely many prime  $\ell$ . Note that if  $f_\pi$  is the newvector of  $\Pi = \bigotimes_\ell \Pi_\ell$ , then for all  $\ell \nmid$  (level of  $f_\Pi$ ) we have  $\Pi_\ell \cong I(\alpha_\ell, \beta_\ell)$  with  $\alpha_\ell, \beta_\ell$  unramified characters sending  $\ell$  to roots of

$$X^2 - \frac{a_\ell(f_\Pi)}{\ell^{t-1/2}} + \ell^{k-2t} \varepsilon(\ell)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the character of  $f_\Pi$ .

### 1.3 Twisting

Recall that a Dirichlet character is a homomorphism

$$\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

We can inflate a Dirichlet character to a smooth character of  $\mathbb{A}_f^\times/\mathbb{Q}^\times$  by pulling back along the natural quotient map  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}^\times \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . If  $\chi$  is such a character,  $\Pi$  an automorphic representation, then can form  $\Pi \otimes (\chi \circ \det)$  which we usually just refer to as  $\Pi \otimes \chi$

**Proposition 1.3.1.**  $\Pi \otimes \chi$  is automorphic of same weight as  $\Pi$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \Pi$ . Consider

$$(g, \tau) \mapsto \chi(\det(g))f(g, \tau).$$

This is clearly in  $S_{k,t}$  and generates a representation isomorphic to  $\Pi \otimes \chi$ . □

¡BUT! this function evaluated at  $(1, \tau)$  is just  $f!$  So both give the same element of  $S_k(\Gamma_1(N))$ . What's going on here?  $f \in S_k(\Gamma_1(N))$  extends uniquely to  $f \in S_{k,t}^{U_1(N)}$  but there are lots of other subgroups of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$  extending  $\Gamma_1(N)$ !

**Proposition 1.3.2.** If  $\Pi$  CAR then the space of functions on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\{f(1, \tau) \mid f \in \Pi\}$  is spanned by all the  $\text{GL}_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$  translates of  $f_{\Pi \otimes \chi}$  for  $\chi$  a Dirichlet character.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality  $f \in \Pi$  invariant under  $M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$  for some  $N$ . Decompose  $\Pi^M$  as a representation of  $\left( \hat{\mathbb{Z}}^\times \begin{smallmatrix} & * \\ & 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$  then  $\chi$ -eigenspace gives functions whose restrictions are  $\text{GL}_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$  translates of  $f_{\Pi \otimes \chi}$ . □

## 2 Eisenstein series

Let  $\mathcal{E}_{k,t}$  be the orthogonal complement of  $S_{k,t}$  in  $M_{k,t}$ .

### 2.1 Reminders

$\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Q})$  commensurable with  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

**Definition 2.1.1.** The *cusps* of  $\Gamma$  are the finite set

$$C(\Gamma) = \Gamma\text{-orbits on } \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q}).$$

We say a cusp  $c \in C(\Gamma)$  is *irregular* if  $\text{Stab}_\Gamma(c)$  contains an element conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & * \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  for some  $*$ . Otherwise all elements of the stabiliser are conjugate to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the cusp is called *regular*. If  $-1 \in \Gamma$  then all cusps are irregular!

Let

$$\mathcal{E}_k(\Gamma) = \{f \in M_k(\Gamma) \mid \langle f, g \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } g \in S_k(\Gamma)\}.$$

Any  $f \in \mathcal{E}_k(\Gamma)$  has values  $f(c) \in \mathbb{C}$  for  $c \in C(\Gamma)$  which gives an injection

$$\mathcal{E}_k(\Gamma) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \cdot C(\Gamma)$$

sending  $f \mapsto (f(c))_{c \in C(\Gamma)}$ .

**Fact:** If  $k$  is odd,  $f(c) = 0$  for all irregular cusps, so

$$\mathcal{E}_k(\Gamma) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\text{reg}}(\Gamma)$$

**Proposition 2.1.2.** 1. If  $k \geq 3$ , then the map

$$\mathcal{E}_k(\Gamma) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbb{C} \cdot C(\Gamma) & \text{if } k \text{ even} \\ \mathbb{C} \cdot C_{\text{reg}}(\Gamma) & \text{if } k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

is a bijection.

2. If  $k = 2$ , cokernel is one-dimensional with unique relation being

$$\sum_c \text{width}(c) \cdot f(c) = 0$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{E}_2(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* Explicit series computations. □

## 2.2 $\mathcal{E}_{k,t}$ as a representation of $\text{GL}_2$

**Definition 2.2.1.** For  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{k,t}$  let

$$\alpha(f) = f(1, \infty)$$

where we are using that  $f$  is a modular form and therefore has a well-defined value at the cusp at infinity.

**Proposition 2.2.2.** 1. If  $a, d \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$ ,  $ad > 0$ , then

$$\alpha\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & d \end{pmatrix} f\right) = d^k (ad)^{-t} \alpha(f)$$

2. If  $x \in \mathbb{A}_f$ ,  $\alpha\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} f\right) = \alpha(f)$

*Proof.* First is easy check, second is clear if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  and rest follows from strong approximation. □

**Notation:** For  $x \in \mathbb{A}_f$  let  $\|x\| = \prod_\ell |x_\ell|_\ell$ . Easy check, if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$  then  $\|x\| = |\frac{1}{x}|$ .

For  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  finite order characters of  $\mathbb{A}_f^\times / \mathbb{Q}_{>0}^\times$ , define

$$\alpha_{\chi_1, \chi_2}(f) = \int_{(\mathbb{A}_f^\times / \mathbb{Q}_{>0}^\times)^2} \chi_1(a)^{-1} \chi_2(d) \|d/a\|^{k/2} \alpha\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & \\ & d \end{pmatrix} f\right) d(a) d(d)$$

(here we take  $t = k/2$ ). Then  $\alpha_{\chi_1, \chi_2}$  is identically zero unless

$$\chi_1(-1) = \chi_2(-1)(-1)^k.$$

$\alpha_{\chi_1, \chi_2}$  is a homomorphism of  $B(\mathbb{A}_f)$ -representations

$$\mathcal{E}_{k, k/2} \rightarrow \left(\chi, \|\cdot\|^{k/2}\right) \boxtimes \left(\chi_2, \|\cdot\|^{-k/2}\right)$$

or equivalently a homomorphism of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ -representations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{k,k/2} &\rightarrow \mathrm{Ind}_{B(\mathbb{A}_f)}^{\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)}(\text{above character}) \\ &= \bigotimes_{\ell}^{\prime} I\left(|\cdot|^{(k-1)/2}\chi_{1,\ell}, |\cdot|^{(1-k)/2}\chi_{2,\ell}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where the tensorands are irreducible for all  $\ell$  if  $k \neq 2$ .

**Proposition 2.2.3.** 1. If  $k \geq 3$ , then the map

$$\mathcal{E}_{k,k/2} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{(\chi_1, \chi_2): \chi_1(-1)\chi_2(-1) = (-1)^k} \bigotimes_{\ell}^{\prime} I(\dots)$$

is an isomorphism.

2. If  $k = 2$ , the map is injective and its image is the kernel of the maps

$$I(\chi \|\cdot\|^{1/2}, \chi \|\cdot\|^{-1/2}) \rightarrow (\chi \circ \det)$$

for pairs of the form  $\chi, \chi$

*Proof.* Injectivity:  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{k,k/2}$  maps to 0 if and only if  $\alpha(gf) = 0$ . But this says  $f(g, \infty) = 0$  for all  $g$ . Replace  $g$  with  $\gamma g$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathrm{GL}_2^+(\mathbb{Q})$  which implies  $f(g, \gamma^{-1}\infty) = 0$  for all  $g, \gamma$ , which implies  $f \in S_{k,t} \cap \mathcal{E}_{k,t} = 0$ .

Surjectivity unravels to statement in classical theory about existence of Eisenstein series with specified values at the cusps.  $\square$

**Upshot:** If  $k \geq 3$   $\mathcal{E}_{k,t}$  is a summand of distinct, irreducible, generic (no one-dimensional local factors) representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f) \implies$  oldform/newform theory works as it should. If  $k = 2$  weird stuff happens: old and new subspaces not disjoint etc.

**Remark 2.2.4.** • Weight 1 works but need to use unordered pairs of characters.

- Can ‘put back’ missing factors by using *nearly holomorphic* modular forms.