

## NEW FORMS IN THE KOHNEN PLUS SPACE

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $k \geq 2$  be an odd integer,  $\chi$  a Dirichlet character mod  $4N$  where  $N$  is a natural number. By  $S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  and  $S_{2k}(2N, \chi^2)$  we denote the spaces of cusp forms of weight  $k + 1/2$  and  $2k$  with respect to the congruence subgroups  $\Gamma_0(4N)$  and  $\Gamma_0(2N)$ , respectively. For any  $f \in S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  and square-free integer  $t$ , Shimura showed that there exists  $Sh_t(f) \in S_{2k}(2N, \chi^2)$  which can be described exactly by the Fourier coefficients. If  $f$  is an eigenform, then so does  $Sh_t(f)$  and they share the same eigenvalues for all Hecke operators  $T_p$  and  $T_{p^2}$ , respectively, where  $p$  is an odd prime number. Note that the above is also true for  $k = 1$  if  $f$  is in the complement of the subspace of  $S_{3/2}(4N, \chi)$  spanned by all single variable theta functions (otherwise  $Sh_t(f)$  may not be a cusp form). By taking linear combinations of such correspondences for square-free  $t$ 's, one gets various liftings from  $S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  to  $S_{2k}(2N, \chi^2)$ . However, in general, one cannot get a bijective lifting in such a way. A natural problem is to identify the image of such liftings, or the subspace of  $S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  by restricting some lifting to which one can get an injective lifting. A partial answer to this question comes from the Kohnen plus space.

**Definition 1.1.** For  $N$  odd and square-free and  $\chi$  quadratic, the plus space  $S_{k+1/2}^+(4N, \chi)$  is the subspace of  $S_{k+1/2}(4N, \chi)$  consisting of those forms whose  $n$ -th Fourier coefficients vanish for all natural number  $n$  such that  $(-1)^k \chi(-1)n \equiv 2$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ .

Kohnen initially introduced the plus space in 1980 [3] for the classical case and generalized it to the version as the definition above in 1982 [4]. He showed that there exists a one-to-one correspondence, which is a lifting introduced above, between  $S_{k+1/2}^+(4N, \chi)$  and  $S_{2k}(2N, \chi^2)$ . From now we want to consider the case for general totally real number field, that is, the Hilbert case.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

Let  $F$  be a totally real number field with degree  $n$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . As usual,  $\mathfrak{o}$  and  $\mathfrak{d}$  denote its ring of integers and different over  $\mathbf{Q}$ , respectively. We fix an odd square-free ideal  $\mathfrak{J}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}$  and a primitive quadratic character  $\chi$  of  $(\mathfrak{o})$  with conductor  $(\mathfrak{f})$ , a principal ideal generated by some  $\mathfrak{f} \in \mathfrak{o}$ . Thus explicitly, we can write  $\chi$  in the form

$$\chi(d) = \prod_{v|2} (\mathfrak{f}, d)_v \prod_{v|\mathfrak{f}} (\mathfrak{f}, d)$$

where  $v$  runs over places of  $F$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)_v$  is the Hilbert symbol of the local field  $F_v$  corresponding to  $v$ .

For ideals  $\mathfrak{b}$  and  $\mathfrak{c}$  of  $F$  such that  $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c} \subset \mathfrak{o}$ , we put

$$\Gamma[\mathfrak{b}, \mathfrak{c}] = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F) \mid a, d \in \mathfrak{o}, b \in \mathfrak{b}, c \in \mathfrak{c} \right\}$$

and

$$\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{a}) = \Gamma[\mathfrak{d}^{-1}, \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{d}]$$

for ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}$ .

For simplicity, we let  $k \in \mathbf{N}^n$  be parallel and  $\mathfrak{f}$  be with the sign  $(-1)^k$ , that is, the norm of  $\mathfrak{f}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$  has the same sign with  $(-1)^k$ .

We define the theta function  $\theta$  on  $\mathfrak{h}^n$ , where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the upper-half part of the complex plane, by

$$\theta(z) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathfrak{o}} \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\mathrm{tr}(\xi^2 z)).$$

Applying  $\theta$ , we can define the factor of automorphy of weight  $1/2$  by

$$j(\gamma, z) = \theta(\gamma z)/\theta(z)$$

where  $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(4)$  and  $\gamma z$  denotes the image of  $z$  under the Möbius transformation by  $\gamma$ .

Putting  $S_{k+1/2}(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  to be the space consisting of Hilbert cusp forms with respect to the factor of automorphy given by  $j(\gamma, z)^{2k+1}\chi(\gamma)$  where

$$\chi \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) := \chi(d) \text{ for } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(4\mathfrak{J}),$$

we give the definition of the plus space.

**Definition 2.1.** *With the notations stated above, the Kohnen plus space  $S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  of weight  $k + 1/2$ , level  $4\mathfrak{J}$  and character  $\chi$  is defined to be the subspace of  $S_{k+1/2}(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  such that  $h \in S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  if and only if the  $\xi$ -th Fourier coefficient of  $h$  vanishes unless there exists  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{o}$  such that  $\xi - \mathfrak{f}\lambda^2 \in 4\mathfrak{o}$ .*

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Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be the adèle ring of  $F$  with finite part  $\mathbb{A}_f$  and  $\mathrm{Mp}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$  be the metaplectic double covering of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ .

An eigenform  $h \in S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathcal{J}, \chi)$  generates an irreducible representation  $\pi_f = \prod_{v \in \infty} \pi_v$  of  $\mathrm{Mp}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$  where  $\pi_v$  is an irreducible representation of  $\mathrm{Mp}_2(F_v)$ . An eigenform  $h$  is called a Hecke new form if for any finite place  $v$  dividing  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $\pi_v$  is equivalent to a Steinberg representation, which is a certain ramified subrepresentation of some principal series representation. We let  $S_{k+1/2}^{+, \mathrm{NEW}}(4\mathcal{J}, \chi)$  be the  $\mathbf{C}$ -space spanned by Hecke new forms given above. Any form in  $S_{k+1/2}^{+, \mathrm{NEW}}(4\mathcal{J}, \chi)$  is called a new form. Note that the definition of new forms coincides with the one given by Kohnen.

### 3. AN IF-AND-ONLY-IF CONDITION FOR THE HECKE NEW FORMS

In this section, for simplicity, we set  $\chi = 1$ .

For  $v \mid \mathcal{J}$ , we let

$$\Gamma_v = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(F_v) \mid a, d \in \mathfrak{o}_v, b \in \mathfrak{d}_v^{-1}, c \in \varpi_v \mathfrak{d}_v \right\}$$

where  $\varpi_v \in \mathfrak{o}_v$  is the uniformizer corresponding to the place  $v$ . We denote the inverse image of  $\Gamma_v$  in  $\mathrm{Mp}_2(F_v)$  by  $\widetilde{\Gamma}_v$ .

Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_v = \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_v(\widetilde{\Gamma}_v \backslash \mathrm{Mp}_2(F_v) / \widetilde{\Gamma}_v, \varepsilon_v)$  be the Hecke algebra with respect to the genuine character  $\varepsilon_v$  of  $\widetilde{\Gamma}_v$  which comes from some Weil representation of  $\mathrm{Mp}_2(F_v)$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}_v$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}_v$  be the Hecke operators in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_v$  which are supported on  $\widetilde{\Gamma}_v \begin{pmatrix} \varpi_v & 0 \\ 0 & \varpi_v^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \widetilde{\Gamma}_v$  and  $\widetilde{\Gamma}_v \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\delta_v^{-1} \varpi_v^{-1} \\ \delta_v \varpi_v & 0 \end{pmatrix} \widetilde{\Gamma}_v$ , respectively, such that

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}_v \left( \begin{pmatrix} \varpi_v & 0 \\ 0 & \varpi_v^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) = q_v^{-1/2} \frac{\alpha_v(\varpi_v)}{\alpha_v(1)}$$

and

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}_v \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\delta_v^{-1} \varpi_v^{-1} \\ \delta_v \varpi_v & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \alpha_v(\delta_v \varpi_v).$$

Here  $\delta_v \in \mathfrak{o}_v$  is one which generates the local principal ideal  $\mathfrak{d}_v$ ,  $\alpha_v$  denotes the Weil constant and  $q_v$  is the index of the local residue field with respect to  $v$ .

In the definition above,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}_v$  is the usual Hecke operator and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}_v$  is the Atkin-Lehner operator.

**Theorem 3.1.** *An eigenform  $h \in S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathfrak{J}, 1)$  is a Hecke new form if and only if*

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}_v \widetilde{\mathcal{U}}_v h = -h = \widetilde{\mathcal{U}}_v \widetilde{\mathcal{T}}_v h$$

for all finite  $v \mid \mathfrak{J}$ .

This theorem is motivated by a result from [1]. They treated the case for integral weight,  $F = \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\chi = 1$  and general level.

#### 4. APPLICATION OF WALDSPURGER'S THEORY

**Theorem 4.1.** *The plus space  $S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  is the  $E^K$ -fixed subspace of  $S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  for some Hecke operator  $E^K = \otimes_{v < \infty} E_v^K \in \otimes_{v < \infty} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_v$  where for each  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_v = (\widetilde{\Gamma}_v \backslash \text{Mp}_2(F_v) / \widetilde{\Gamma}_v, \varepsilon_v)$  we set*

$$\Gamma_v = \begin{cases} \Gamma_0(1)_v & \text{if } v \nmid 2\mathfrak{J}, \\ \Gamma_0(4)_v & \text{if } v \mid 2 \\ \Gamma_0(\varpi_v)_v & \text{if } v \mid \mathfrak{J}. \end{cases}$$

The Hecke operator  $E^K$  is an idempotent and can be written down explicitly, but we omit its definition here. The following proposition was given by Hiraga and Ikeda [2].

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $v$  be a finite place of  $F$  not dividing  $\mathfrak{J}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be the Borel subgroup of  $\text{SL}_2(F_v)$  consisting of upper-triangular matrices. For  $s \in \mathbf{C}$ , if the principal series  $\text{Ind}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\text{Mp}_2(F_v)} \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \frac{\alpha_v(1)}{\alpha_v(a)} |a|_v^{s+1} \right)$  is irreducible, then its  $E_v^K$ -fixed subspace is of one dimension.*

**Proposition 4.2.** *The  $E_v^K$ -fixed subspace of a Steinberg representation is of one dimension for  $v \mid \mathfrak{J}$ .*

Now let  $k \geq 2$ . By Waldspurger's results, each irreducible representation  $\pi$  of  $\text{Mp}_2(\mathbf{A})$  from an eigenform  $h \in S_{k+1/2}^+(4\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  corresponds to an irreducible cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\text{PGL}_2(\mathbf{A})$ , which gives a non-zero unique-up-to-non-zero-scalar-multiplications eigenform in the space of cuspidal automorphic forms

$$\mathcal{A}_{2k}^{\text{CUSP}}(\mathfrak{J}) = \mathcal{A}_{2k}^{\text{CUSP}}(\text{PGL}_2(F) \backslash \text{PGL}_2(\mathbf{A}) / \prod_{v < \infty} \Gamma'_v(\mathfrak{J}))$$

where  $\Gamma'_v(\mathfrak{J})$  is a congruence subgroup which is maximal compact if  $v \nmid \mathfrak{J}$  and Iwahori if  $v \mid \mathfrak{J}$ . We put  $\mathcal{A}_{2k}^{\text{CUSP,NEW}}(\mathfrak{J})$  to be the subspace of  $\mathcal{A}_{2k}^{\text{CUSP}}(\mathfrak{J})$  spanned by  $g$  such that its corresponding representation of  $\text{PGL}_2(\mathbf{A})$  is locally a Steinberg representation at any finite  $v \mid \mathfrak{J}$ .

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**Theorem 4.2.** *The pluspace  $S_{k+1/2}^{+,NEW}(\mathfrak{J}, \chi)$  is Hecke isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}_{2k}^{\text{CUSP},NEW}(\mathfrak{J})$ .*

Note that for the case  $\mathfrak{J} = 1$  the theorem was treated by Hiraga and Ikeda in [2].

Using Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 4.2 we can get an analogue of the result from Baruch and Purkait in [1] for the Hilbert modular forms of integral weight.

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