

## Lecture 1 Statement of Selberg trace formula

### 1.1 Laplacian on a Riemannian manifold

undergraduate differential geometry

parametrized surface  $S$ :  $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$ ,  $(u, v) \in D$ , where  $D$  is a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

first fundamental form  $E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$

$$E = \mathbf{r}_u \cdot \mathbf{r}_u, \quad F = \mathbf{r}_u \cdot \mathbf{r}_v, \quad G = \mathbf{r}_v \cdot \mathbf{r}_v$$

arclength of parametrized curve  $(u(t), v(t))$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ :

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{E u'(t)^2 + 2F u'(t)v'(t) + G v'(t)^2} dt$$

surface area

$$\iint_D \sqrt{EG - F^2} du dv$$

main theme : express interesting quantities about  $S$  in terms of  $E, F, G$  (e.g. Gaussian curvature)

Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  : smooth manifold  $M$  equipped with a positive-definite inner product  $g_p : T_p M \times T_p M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the tangent space  $T_p M$  at each point  $p \in M$ .

In local coordinates,  $(x^1, \dots, x^n) : U \subset M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , the vectors

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \Big|_p, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \Big|_p \right\}$$

form a basis of  $T_p M$ .  $g$  is determined by  $n^2$  functions

$$g_{ij}(x^1(p), \dots, x^n(p)) := g_p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_p, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \Big|_p \right)$$

$g$  is often specified by  $ds^2 = \sum_{j,k} g_{jk} dx^j dx^k$ , line element

$dV = \sqrt{\det(g)} dx^1 \dots dx^n$  : volume element

Laplace-Beltrami operator (Laplacian)  $\Delta$  on  $M$  : operator taking functions into functions

$$\Delta = - \sum_{j,k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left( \sqrt{g} g^{jk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \right)$$

where  $g^{jk}$  entries of the inverse of the matrix  $(g_{jk})$ , and  $g = \det(g_{jk})$ .

Assume  $M$  is compact, connected and orientable.

$\Delta$  has non-negative discrete eigenvalues

$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \rightarrow \infty,$$

with corresponding eigenfunctions

$$\Delta \phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i$$

which form an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(M)$ .

**Example 1.1** (circle). Laplacian on  $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  :  $\Delta = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$   
 eigenfunctions  $\varphi_m(x) = e^{2\pi i m x}$ ,  $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$   
 eigenvalues  $4\pi^2 m^2$

**Example 1.2** (unit sphere).  $\mathbf{r}(\theta, \varphi) = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$   
 metric  $ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$   
 Laplacian:

$$-\Delta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

eigenfunctions : spherical harmonics  $f = Y_l^m$  for  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm l$ , where

$$Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m \left[ \frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!} \right]^{1/2} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$$

and  $P_l^m$  associated Legendre function of the first kind.  
 eigenvalues:  $\lambda = l(l+1)$  with multiplicity  $2l+1$

**Example 1.3** (flat torus). flat torus  $T = \text{quotient of } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ by any lattice } \Lambda$   
 lattice : set of all integral linear combinations of a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $f(x) = e^{2\pi i \langle \xi, x \rangle}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is well-defined on  $T$  exactly when  $\langle \xi, x \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $x \in \Lambda$ .  
 Those  $\xi$  form a lattice  $\Lambda^\vee$ , called the dual lattice of  $\Lambda$ .  
 eigenfunctions :  $e^{2\pi i \langle \xi, x \rangle}$  for  $\xi \in \Lambda^\vee$  with eigenvalue  $4\pi^2 |\xi|^2$ .  
 Milnor (1964) : there are non-isomorphic isospectral tori of dimension 16; there two lattices whose number of points having a given norm is always the same

In general, almost always impossible to find explicit eigenvalues and eigenfunctions

Selberg trace formula for compact hyperbolic surfaces : model for other general trace formulas;  
 relates eigenvalues of the Laplacian and length spectrum of geodesics

## 1.2 Hyperbolic plane

two models of hyperbolic plane :

two models : unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and upper-half plane  $\mathbb{H} = \{z : \text{Im } z > 0\}$   
 line element  $ds$ , volume element  $d\mu$ , distance  $d(z, z')$  between  $z, z'$ :

	$ds^2$	$d\mu$	$\cosh d(z, z')$
$\mathbb{D}$	$\frac{4(dx^2 + dy^2)}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2}$	$\frac{4 dx dy}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2}$	$1 + \frac{2 z - z' ^2}{(1 -  z )^2(1 -  z' )^2}$
$\mathbb{H}$	$\frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$	$\frac{dx dy}{y^2}$	$1 + \frac{ z - z' ^2}{2 \text{Im } z \text{Im } z'}$

**Exercise 1.4.** Laplacian takes the following form:

	$-\Delta$
$\mathbb{D}$	$\frac{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2}{4} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$
$\mathbb{H}$	$y^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$

$\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) = \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) / \{\pm 1\}$  acts on  $\mathbb{H}$  :

$$g : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}, \quad z \mapsto gz := \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$$

An element of  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  is an isometry of  $\mathbb{H}$ .

$$- K = \mathrm{Stab}_i = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}, \theta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

$$- A = \mathrm{Stab}_{0, \infty} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \lambda > 0 \right\}$$

$$- N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Let  $g \in \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  with  $g \neq \mathrm{Id}$ .

1.  $|\mathrm{tr}(g)| < 2$  iff  $g$  is conjugated to an element of  $K$  iff  $g$  fixes a single point in  $\mathbb{H}$ .

2.  $|\mathrm{tr}(g)| = 2$  iff  $g$  is conjugated to an element of  $N$  iff  $g$  fixes a single point in  $\partial\mathbb{H}$ .

3.  $|\mathrm{tr}(g)| > 2$ , iff  $g$  is conjugated to an element of  $A$  iff  $g$  fixes two points in  $\partial\mathbb{H}$ .

length of  $g$  :

$$\ell(g) := \inf_{z \in \mathbb{H}} d(gz, z).$$

$\ell(g) > 0$  only for hyperbolic  $g$  and is given by

$$\ell(g) = 2 \operatorname{arccosh}(|\mathrm{tr}(g)|/2).$$

### 1.3 Selberg trace formula

Let  $F$  be a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 2$ .

Uniformization theorem :  $F$  is conformally equivalent to  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ , where  $\Gamma$  is discrete, torsion-free subgroup of  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Each element  $\gamma \in \Gamma - \{I\}$  is hyperbolic since  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free (and so does not contain any elliptic elements) and cocompact (and so does not contain any parabolic elements);

metric on  $\mathbb{H}$  induces metric on  $F$ , and so Laplacian makes sense.

**Exercise 1.5.** For a hyperbolic  $P \in \Gamma$ , the centralizer  $Z(P) = \{g \in \Gamma : gP = Pg\}$  is an infinite cyclic group.

There exists unique generator  $P_0$  of  $Z(P)$  such that  $P = P_0^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

**Theorem 1.6** (Selberg). *Let  $h$  be an analytic function on  $|\mathrm{Im}(r)| \leq \frac{1}{2} + \delta$  such that*

$$h(-r) = h(r) \quad \text{and} \quad |h(r)| \leq A[1 + |r|]^{-2-\delta} \quad (A > 0, \delta > 0).$$

*Then*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(r_n) = \frac{\mathrm{area}(F)}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r h(r) \tanh(\pi r) dr + \sum_{\{P\}} \frac{\ell(P_0)}{e^{\ell(P)/2} - e^{-\ell(P)/2}} g(\ell(P)),$$

*where the sum is over all conjugacy classes of hyperbolic elements;  $\{P\}$  denotes the conjugacy class containing  $P$ ;  $g(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(r) e^{-iru} dr$ .*

*The sums and integrals are all absolutely convergent.*

The sum can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{\{P_0\}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell(P_0)}{2 \sinh[n\ell(P_0)/2]} g(n\ell(P_0))$$

where the sum is over all conjugacy classes of primitive hyperbolic elements.

## Lecture 2 Applications

### 2.1 Spectrum of the Bolza surface

Use the disk model.

The Bolza surface is defined as the quotient

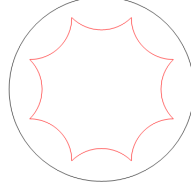
$$G \backslash \mathbb{D}$$

where  $G$  is subgroup of  $SU(1, 1)/\{\pm 1\}$ , generated by

$$g_k = \begin{bmatrix} \xi^2 & e^{ik\pi/4} \sqrt{2} \xi \\ e^{-ik\pi/4} \sqrt{2} \xi & \xi^2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \xi = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}.$$

$g_k$  and  $g_{k+4}$  are inverses of each other

We can the regular octagon as a fundamental domain.



This is a compact Riemann surface of genus 2. As an algebraic curve, its affine model is  $y^2 = x^5 - x$ .

The translations  $g_k$  all have the same length

$$\ell(g_k) = 2 \operatorname{arccosh}(1 + \sqrt{2}) \approx 3.05714, k = 0, 1, \dots, 7$$

Fact: for any hyperbolic  $P \in G$ ,  $\ell(P)$  is of the form  $2 \operatorname{arccosh}(m + n\sqrt{2})$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

We apply the trace formula.

Choose any  $\epsilon > 0$  and define

$$h_z(r) = \exp \left[ -(z - r)^2 / \epsilon^2 \right] + \exp \left[ -(z + r)^2 / \epsilon^2 \right].$$

For fixed  $r$ ,  $h_z(r)$  is sum of two Gaussians around  $r$  as a function of  $z$ ;  $\epsilon$  standard deviation  
fourier transform of  $h_z$  (as a function of  $r$ ):

$$g_z(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_z(r) e^{-iru} dr = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(zu) \exp \left[ -\frac{\epsilon^2}{4} u^2 \right]$$

spectral side:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_z(r_n)$$

As a function of  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , it has peaks around  $r_n$ .

geometric side: Consider the multiset  $\{\ell(P_0) : \{P_0\}\}$  of lengths of conj. classes. of primitive hyperbolic elements.

Order its elements  $0 < l_1 < l_2 < \dots$  and let  $g_n$  be the multiplicity of  $l_n$ ; e.g.  $l_1 = 3.057\dots$  and  $g_1 = 24$ .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r \tanh(\pi r) h_z(r) dr + \frac{\epsilon}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{g_n l_n}{\sinh(k l_n/2)} \cos(z k l_n) \exp\left[-\frac{\epsilon^2}{4} (k l_n)^2\right]$$

By evaluating RHS for many  $z$ , we can plot it as a graph of  $z$ .

From all words of length  $\leq 11$ , we find 206796230 primitive hyperbolic conjugacy classes; need 2.5 GB to save words; See <https://github.com/chlee-0/bolza>.

## 2.2 Weyl's law

Let  $F = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ ,  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  as before.

Let

$$N(\lambda) = \#\{j : \lambda_j \leq \lambda\}.$$

Weyl's law:

$$N(\lambda) \sim \frac{\mathrm{Area}(F)}{4\pi} \lambda, \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

## 2.3 Prime geodesic theorem

Let  $\pi(x)$  be the number of prime closed geodesics  $\gamma$  such that  $e^{\ell(\gamma)} \leq x$ .

Prime geodesic theorem:

$$\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log(x)}, \quad x \rightarrow \infty$$

## Lecture 3 Sketch of proof

Assume  $F = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$  so that  $F$  is a compact Riemann surface of genus  $\geq 2$ .

$\mathfrak{F}$  : compact fundamental domain of  $\Gamma$  (one can take this as a geodesic polygon)

inner product on  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$  :

$$(f_1, f_2) = \int_{\mathfrak{F}} f_1(z) \overline{f_2(z)} d\mu(z),$$

where

$$d\mu(z) = \frac{dx dy}{y^2}$$

Recall

$$\Delta u = y^2 (u_{xx} + u_{yy})$$

$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots$$

$$\Delta \varphi_n = \lambda_n \varphi_n$$

$$L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}) = \oplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{C} \varphi_n$$

We can assume that  $\varphi_n$  is real-valued.

For a careful treatment of analytic issues, see Spectral Theory and the Trace Formula by Bump (<http://sporadic.stanford.edu/bump/match/trace.pdf>).

### 3.1 point-pair invariant and integral operator

Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a smooth function with compact support. Define  $k : \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$k(z, w) = \Phi \left[ \frac{|z - w|^2}{\text{Im}(z) \text{Im}(w)} \right].$$

The function  $k(z, w)$  is called a point-pair invariant.

Define an integral operator  $L$  with kernel  $k$ :

$$Lf(z) = \int_{\mathbb{H}} k(z, w) f(w) d\mu(w)$$

Fact: An eigenfunction  $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of  $\Delta$  is also an eigenfunction of  $L$ . In particular, if  $\Delta f = \lambda f$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{H}} k(z, w) f(w) d\mu(w) = h(r) f(z)$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{4} + r^2$  and  $h$  is the Selberg/Harish-Chandra transform of  $k$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x) &= \int_x^{\infty} \frac{\Phi(t)}{\sqrt{t-x}} dt, \quad x \geq 0 \\ g(u) &= Q(e^u + e^{-u} - 2), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}. \\ h(r) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) e^{iru} du. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $g$  and  $h$  are even functions;  $g$  has compact support and  $h$  decays faster than any polynomial.

Define automorphic kernel

$$K(z, w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{T \in \Gamma} k(Tz, w) \quad \text{for } (z, w) \in \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{H}$$

and restrict the domain of integral operator  $L$  to functions in  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$ .

Compute the trace of  $L$  two different ways.

First,

$$L\varphi_n = h(r_n) \varphi_n$$

implies  $\text{tr}(L) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(r_n)$ .

### 3.2 spectral expansion of kernel

Claim:

$$K(z, w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(r_n) \varphi_n(z) \varphi_n(w)$$

*Proof.* Let  $G(z) = K(z, w)$  for  $w$  fixed. Since  $G \in C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H})$ , it follows that  $G(z) = \sum c_n \varphi_n(z)$ , where

$$c_n = (G, \varphi_n) = \int_{\mathbb{H}} k(z, w) \varphi_n(z) d\mu(z).$$

The integral is

$$(L\varphi_n)(w) = h(r_n) \varphi_n(w).$$

□

From  $K(z, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(r_n) \varphi_n(z) \varphi_n(z)$

$$\int_{\mathfrak{F}} K(z, z) d\mu(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(r_n).$$

### 3.3 geometric side

The integral can be written as a sum over the conjugacy classes:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathfrak{F}} K(z, z) d\mu(z) &= \sum_{T \in \Gamma} \int_{\mathfrak{F}} k(Tz, z) d\mu(z) \\ &= \sum_{\{P\}} \sum_{T \in \{P\}} \int_{\mathfrak{F}} k(Tz, z) d\mu(z) \end{aligned}$$

The inner sum can be rewritten as a single integral: note that  $T = \tau^{-1}P\tau$  for unique  $\tau \in Z(P) \backslash \Gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{T \in \{P\}} \int_{\mathfrak{F}} k(Tz, z) d\mu(z) &= \sum_{\tau \in Z(P) \backslash \Gamma} \int_{\mathfrak{F}} k(\tau^{-1}P\tau z, z) d\mu(z) \\ &= \sum_{\tau \in Z(P) \backslash \Gamma} \int_{\mathfrak{F}} k(P\tau z, \tau z) d\mu(z) \\ &= \sum_{\tau \in Z(P) \backslash \Gamma} \int_{\tau(\mathfrak{F})} k(Pw, w) d\mu(w) \\ &= \int_{FD[Z(P)]} k(Pw, w) d\mu(w) \end{aligned}$$

where  $FD[Z(P)]$  denotes a fundamental domain for  $Z(P)$ .

$P$  identity :

$$\int_{\mathfrak{F}} k(w, w) d\mu(w) = \int_{\mathfrak{F}} \Phi(0) d\mu(w) = \text{area}(F) \Phi(0) = \frac{\text{area}(F)}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r h(r) \tanh(\pi r) dr.$$

The final integral allows to remove  $\Phi$  in the statement.

$P$  hyperbolic:

Let  $P = P_0^k$  for  $P_0$  primitive and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

Let  $\lambda_0 = e^{\ell(P_0)}$  and  $\lambda = e^{\ell(P)}$ .

Inside  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $P_0$  is conjugate to  $Q_0(z) = \lambda_0 z$  and we can replace the integral:

$$\int_{FD|Z(P)|} k(Pw, w) d\mu(w) = \int_{FD|\langle Q_0 \rangle} k(Qw, w) d\mu(w).$$

$$\int_{FD|Z(P)|} k(Pw, w) d\mu(w) = \frac{\ln \lambda_0}{\lambda^{1/2} - \lambda^{-1/2}} g(\ln \lambda)$$

This proves a weaker version of Selbert trace formula with the assumption that  $g$  has compact support and  $h$  is its inverse Fourier transform. From here, one can use an approximation argument to upgrade this to the version stated before.

## Lecture 4 Advanced topics

### 4.1 Selbert trace formula for $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$\Gamma = \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$  is no longer compact, and the spectrum has a continuous part

$$K(z, w) = \sum_j h(r_j) u_j(z) \overline{u_j(w)} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(r) E\left(z, \frac{1}{2} + ir\right) \overline{E\left(w, \frac{1}{2} + ir\right)} dr$$

$E(z, s)$  is the Eisenstein series

Geometric side : parabolic, elliptic conjugacy classes

parabolic conj. class: power of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

elliptic conj. class:  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (order 2),  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (order 3)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h(r_j) &= \frac{1}{12} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r h(r) \tanh(\pi r) dr \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h(r) dr}{\cosh(\pi r)} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(r) \frac{\cosh(\pi r/3)}{\cosh(\pi r)} dr \\ &+ \sum_{\{P\}} \frac{\ell(P_0)}{e^{\ell(P)/2} - e^{-\ell(P)/2}} g(\ell(P)) \\ &+ g(0) \log(\pi/2) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n} g(2 \log n) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(r) \left[ \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2} + ir\right) + \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(1 + ir) \right] dr \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log(p) & \text{if } n = p^k \text{ with } p \text{ prime and } k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



## 4.2 Jacquet-Langlands correspondence

Let  $F$  be a field and let  $a, b \in F^\times$ . The quaternion algebra  $D_{a,b}(F)$  is the ring

$$\{x_0 + x_1i + x_2j + x_3k \mid x_0, \dots, x_3 \in F\}$$

with multiplication

$$i^2 = a, j^2 = b, ij = k = -ji.$$

**Example 4.1.**  $D_{-1,-1}(\mathbb{R})$  : Hamilton's quaternions.

The conjugate of  $\alpha$  is

$$\bar{\alpha} = x_0 - x_1i - x_2j - x_3k,$$

and the reduced norm of  $\alpha$  is  $N_{\text{red}}(\alpha) := \alpha\bar{\alpha} = \bar{\alpha}\alpha$ ; trace  $\text{Tr}(\alpha) = \alpha + \bar{\alpha}$ .

A quaternion algebra is a division algebra if every non-zero element  $\alpha$  admits an inverse (iff  $N_{\text{red}}(\alpha) \neq 0$ )

A subring  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $D_{a,b}(\mathbb{Q})$  is an order when  $1 \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank 4, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{O} = \{x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + x_3e_3 + x_4e_4 \mid x_1, \dots, x_4 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

where  $(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$  is a basis of  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

The discriminant of an order  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4]$  is defined to be:

$$d(\mathcal{O}) = \left| \det [\text{Tr}(e_i e_j)]_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} \right|.$$

This is of the form  $r^2$  for a positive integer  $r$ .

Fact : Every order is contained in a maximal order, i.e., an order which is not strictly contained in any other one.

**Example 4.2.** Assume

$$\begin{cases} ab > 1 \\ a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, b \text{ odd} \\ \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = -1 \text{ for every prime } p \text{ dividing } a \\ \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = -1 \text{ for every prime } p \text{ dividing } b. \end{cases}$$

$D_{a,b}(\mathbb{Q})$  is a division algebra and

$$\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z} \cdot 1 + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \frac{1+i}{2} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot j + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \frac{j+k}{2}$$

is a maximal order, and  $d(\mathcal{O}) = (ab)^2$ .

Fix two positive integers  $a, b$ , relative prime and square-free.

Let  $D_{a,b}(\mathbb{R})^1 := \{g \in D_{a,b}(\mathbb{R}) \mid N_{\text{red}}(g) = 1\}$ .

There exists an isomorphism  $\Phi : D_{a,b}(\mathbb{R})^1 \rightarrow \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an order in  $D_{a,b}(\mathbb{Q})$  and  $\mathcal{O}^1 := \mathcal{O} \cap D_{a,b}(\mathbb{R})^1$ .

Fact :  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{O}} = \Phi(\mathcal{O}^1)$  is cocompact (i.e.  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{O}} \backslash \mathbb{H}$  is compact) iff  $D_{a,b}(\mathbb{Q})$  is a division algebra iff  $(0, 0, 0)$  is the unique solution in integers of the Diophantine equation  $x^2 - ay^2 - bz^2 = 0$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a maximal order in a division algebra  $D_{a,b}(\mathbb{Q})$  with  $d(\mathcal{O}) = r^2$ . Then the set of non-zero eigenvalues for  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{O}} \backslash \mathbb{H}$ , counted with multiplicity, coincides with the set of eigenvalues associated with primitive Maass forms for the group  $\Gamma_0(r) \backslash \mathbb{H}$ ,*

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \gamma \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \gamma \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

This is a special case of the Jacquet-Langlands correspondence.

## Lecture 5 Exercises

**Exercise 5.1.** Compute the Laplacian  $\Delta$  for  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\mathbb{H}$ .

	$ds^2$	$-\Delta$
$\mathbb{D}$	$\frac{4(dx^2 + dy^2)}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2}$	$\frac{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2}{4} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$
$\mathbb{H}$	$\frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$	$y^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$

**Exercise 5.2.** Consider the following subgroups of  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ :

- $K = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \theta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$
- $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \lambda > 0 \right\}$
- $N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

For any  $g \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  there exists a unique  $(k, a, n) \in K \times A \times N$  such that  $g = kan$ .

**Exercise 5.3.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a discrete subgroup of  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ . For a hyperbolic  $P \in \Gamma$ , the centralizer  $Z(P) = \{g \in \Gamma : gP = Pg\}$  is an infinite cyclic group.

**Exercise 5.4.** The video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajDx\\_HCMIBg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajDx_HCMIBg) is intended to visualize the action of two hyperbolic elements  $g_0$  and  $g_0 g_3 g_4$  on the unit disk, where

$$g_k = \begin{bmatrix} \xi^2 & e^{ik\pi/4} \sqrt{2} \xi \\ e^{-ik\pi/4} \sqrt{2} \xi & \xi^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \xi = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}.$$

Explain the computations required to produce it.

**Exercise 5.5.** Let  $F = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$  be a compact hyperbolic surface. A geodesic of  $F$  is obtained as the image under the canonical projection of a geodesic of  $\mathbb{H}$ . A closed geodesic on  $F$  is the projection of a geodesic of  $\mathbb{H}$  preserved by a non-trivial element  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Two constant speed parametrizations  $\alpha, \alpha' : S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow F$  of a closed geodesic are equivalent if  $\alpha'(t) = \alpha(t + c)$  for some constant  $c$ . An oriented closed geodesic is an equivalence class of closed parametrized geodesics. Then there is a bijection between the set of conjugacy classes of hyperbolic elements in  $\Gamma$  and the set of oriented closed geodesics on  $F$ .

The video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06pv6X8gaQQ> shows an oriented prime closed geodesic on the Bolza surface. What is the corresponding primitive hyperbolic conjugacy class? Find a representative.

**Exercise 5.6** (optional). Let  $F = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$  be a compact hyperbolic surface of genus  $g \geq 2$ . Check that  $\mathrm{area}(F) = 4\pi(g - 1)$ .

**Exercise 5.7.** Derive Weyl's law:

$$N(\lambda) \sim \frac{\mathrm{area}(F)}{4\pi} \lambda, \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty,$$

where

$$N(\lambda) = \#\{j : \lambda_j \leq \lambda\}.$$

**Exercise 5.8** (optional). Prove that

$$\Phi(0) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} rh(r) \tanh(\pi r) dr.$$

**Exercise 5.9.** Let  $P_0(z) = \lambda_0 z$ ,  $\lambda_0 > 1$  and  $P(z) = \lambda z$  with  $\lambda = \lambda_0^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

1. The fundamental domain for the cyclic group  $\langle P_0 \rangle$  is  $\{z \in \mathbb{H} : 1 < y < \lambda_0\}$ .

2. Show that

$$\int_{[1 \leq \text{Im}(z) \leq \lambda_0]} k(\lambda z, z) d\mu(z) = \frac{\ln \lambda_0}{\lambda^{1/2} - \lambda^{-1/2}} g(\ln \lambda).$$