



Hilbert (Blumenthal) Modular Forms

for
 $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{13})$
and $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{17})$.

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- p prime, $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, especially $p \in \{5, 13, 17\}$,

- $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p})$ with integers $\mathfrak{o} := \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1+\sqrt{p}}{2}\mathbb{Z}$.

$$\bar{\lambda} := \lambda_1 - \lambda_2\sqrt{p} \quad (\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2\sqrt{p} \in \mathcal{K}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{Q})$$

$$N(\lambda) = \lambda\bar{\lambda} = \lambda_1^2 - p\lambda_2^2 \quad (\text{norm})$$

$$S(\lambda) = \lambda + \bar{\lambda} \quad (\text{trace})$$

$$\varepsilon_0 = \min\{x \in \mathfrak{o}^*; x > 1\} \quad (\text{fundamental unit})$$

$$\text{Then } \mathfrak{o}^* = \pm\varepsilon_0^{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

- $\Gamma = \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathfrak{o})$ operates on $\mathbb{H}^2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \mathrm{Im}(z) > 0\}^2$:

$$\gamma\tau = \left(\frac{a\tau_1 + b}{c\tau_1 + d}, \frac{\bar{a}\tau_2 + \bar{b}}{\bar{c}\tau_2 + \bar{d}} \right),$$

where $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ and $\tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2) \in \mathbb{H}^2$.

- This motivates $S(\lambda\tau) := \lambda\tau_1 + \bar{\lambda}\tau_2$ and

$$N(c\tau + d)^k := (c\tau_1 + d)^k (\bar{c}\tau_2 + \bar{d})^k, \quad (z^k := \exp(k \ln z))$$

- $\Gamma = \langle J, T, T_w \rangle$, where $w = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{p})$ and

$$J := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T_w := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & w \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Definition (Hilbert Modular Form). A Hilbert modular form f (HMF) of weight $k \in \mathbb{Q}$ with multiplier system (m.s.) $\mu : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ (just a map) is a holomorphic function $\mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfying

$$f(\gamma\tau) = \mu(\gamma)N(c\tau + d)^k f(\tau) \quad \forall \tau \in \mathbb{H}^2, \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma.$$

We denote the corresponding vector space by $M_k^p(\mu)$.

Remark. We obtain from Gundlach (1985):

$$f \in M_k^5(\mu) \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ and } \mu \equiv 1,$$

$$f \in M_k^{13}(\mu) \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \mu(J) = \mu(T)^3 = \mu(T_w)^3 = 1,$$

$$f \in M_k^{17}(\mu) \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow k \in \mathbb{N}_0/2, \mu^2(T) = \mu(T_w)^4 = (-1)^{2k} \text{ and } \mu(J) = \mu(T)^3.$$

μ is unique by the given conditions. If $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then μ is a character.

Definition (Eisenstein series). Let $r \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ and define the $2r^{\text{th}}$ Eisenstein series $E_{2r} : \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$E_{2r}(\tau) := \sum_{\substack{M \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma \\ M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}}} N(c\tau + d)^{-2r},$$

where Γ_∞ denotes the subgroup $\left\langle -E, T, T_w, D := \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_0^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ of Γ fixing $\infty = (\infty, \infty)$.

E_{2r} is a Hilbert modular form of weight $2r$ with trivial multiplier system. ($E_{2r} \in M_{2r}^p(1)$).

Definition (Θ -series). Define the Siegel halfspace

$$\mathcal{H}_2 := \{Z := X + iY \in M_2(\mathbb{C}); Z = Z^{\text{tr}}, Y > 0\}.$$

For $m = (m', m'') \in \{0, 1\}^4$ with $(m')^{\text{tr}} m'' \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ and all $Z \in \mathcal{H}_2$ define

$$\Theta_m(Z) := \sum_{g \in \mathbb{Z}^2} e^{\pi i ((g+m'/2)^{\text{tr}} Z (g+m'/2) + (g+m'/2)^{\text{tr}} m'')} .$$

There are exactly 10 such Theta series. Denote their product by Θ .

Write $p = u^2 + v^2 \pmod{4}$ where v is even, $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ and define $\omega := \frac{1}{2}(u + \sqrt{p})$. Then

$$\epsilon : \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2, \quad \tau \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} S\left(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{p}}\tau\right) & S\left(\frac{v}{2\sqrt{p}}\tau\right) \\ S\left(\frac{v}{2\sqrt{p}}\tau\right) & S\left(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{p}}\tau\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

induces a map between modular forms.

Lemma (Hammond, 1966). *There are three algebraically independent HMFs, namely two Eisenstein series E_4 , E_6 and a theta product $\Theta \circ \epsilon$.*

In case $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{17})$ Hermann (1981) introduces the Hilbert modular form η_2 of weight $\frac{3}{2}$ with multiplier system μ_{17} ($\mu_{17}(J) = -i$, $\mu_{17}(T) = i$ and $\mu_{17}(T_w) = e^{5\pi i/4}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2 := & \theta_{1100}\theta_{0011}\theta_{0000} + \theta_{1100}\theta_{0010}\theta_{0001} \\ & + \theta_{1001}\theta_{0110}\theta_{0000} - \theta_{1001}\theta_{0100}\theta_{0010} \\ & + \theta_{1000}\theta_{0100}\theta_{0011} - \theta_{1000}\theta_{0110}\theta_{0001} \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta_m := \Theta_m \circ \epsilon$.

$A_k(p)$: vector space of nearly hol. modular forms (meromorphic in cusps) $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of weight k for the group

$$\Gamma_0(p) = \left\{ M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}); c \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \right\}$$

with character χ_p induced by the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p}\right)$.

Define (where $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$)

$$A_k^+(p) = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a(n)q^n \in A_k(p); a(n) = 0 \text{ if } \chi_p(n) = -1 \right\}$$

$S_k(p)$: subspace of cusp forms in $A_k(p)$.

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principal part of $f = \sum_n a_n q^n \in A_k^+(p)$: $\sum_{n < 0} a_n q^n$.

Lemma. *There is a modular form in $A_0^+(p)$ with prescribed principal part $\sum_{n<0} a(n)q^n$ iff*

$$\forall n < 0 : \quad \chi_p(n) = -1 \Rightarrow a(n) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\forall \sum_{m>0} b(m)q^m \in S_2^+(p) : \quad \sum_{n<0} s(n)a(n)b(-n) = 0$$

where $s(n) = 2$ if $p|n$ and $s(n) = 1$ otherwise.

Lemma (Hecke (1940)). *If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\dim S_2(p) = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{p-5}{24} \right\rfloor$ ($= 0$ iff $p \leq 17$)*

For $p \in \{5, 13, 17\}$ there is a basis $\{f_n = s(n)^{-1}q^{-n} + O(1)\}$ of $A_0^+(p)$.

Theorem (Borcherds, Bruinier (2003)).

For $f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a(n)q^n \in A_0^+(p)$ with $s(n)a(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $n < 0$ there is a meromorphic $\Psi : \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, a Weyl chamber $W \subset \mathbb{H}^2$ and $\rho_W \in \mathcal{K}$, such that

$$\Psi(\tau) = e^{2\pi i S(\rho_W \tau)} \prod_{\substack{\mu \in \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}\mathfrak{o} \\ (\mu, W) > 0}} \left(1 - e^{2\pi i S(\mu \tau)}\right)^{s(p\mu\bar{\mu})a(p\mu\bar{\mu})}$$

for all $\tau \in W$ with $\text{Im}(\tau_1)\text{Im}(\tau_2) > |\min\{n; a(n) \neq 0\}|/p$.

- The Fourier expansion of Ψ can be calculated.
- Ψ is a holomorphic Hilbert modular form for Γ .
- Its divisor depends only on the principal part of f .
- The weight of Ψ and its multiplier system are known.

Definition. We define

- M^p : Ring of HMFs with symmetric m.s. μ :

$$\mu\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = \mu\left(\begin{pmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{b} \\ \bar{c} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

- $M^p(1) := \sum_k M_k^p(1)$.
- $\varphi : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{D} := \{\tau \in \mathbb{H}^2; \tau_1 = \tau_2\}, z \mapsto (z, z)$.
- $\mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0} := \{\tau \in \mathbb{H}^2; \tau_1 = \varepsilon_0^2 \tau_2\}$.

We have $M_0^p(1) = \mathbb{C}$, $M_0^p(\mu) = \{0\}$ for all $\mu \neq 1$ and $M_k^p(\mu) = \{0\}$ for all $k < 0$ and multiplier systems μ .

Lemma. $f \in M_k^p(\mu) \Rightarrow f \circ \varphi$ is an elliptic modular form of weight $2k$ with character $\mu|_{SL(2,\mathbb{Z})}$. If f is a cusp form, then $f \circ \varphi$ is a cusp form.

Definition. For $f : \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ define $f^\pm(\tau_1, \tau_2) = \frac{1}{2}(f(\tau_1, \tau_2) \pm f(\tau_2, \tau_1))$

Then $f = f^+ + f^-$ and f^- vanishes on \mathbb{D} . If f is a HMF with symmetric m.s., then f^+ and f^- are HMFs of same weight and multiplier system.

Borcherds-Products:

$f \in A_0^+(p) \quad \longmapsto \quad \psi$	divisor	
$f_1 = q^{-1} + O(1) \quad \longmapsto \quad \psi_1$	$\Gamma \cdot \mathbb{D}$	$f _{\mathbb{D}} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \psi_1 f$
$f_p = \frac{1}{2}q^{-p} + O(1) \quad \longmapsto \quad \psi_p$	$\Gamma \cdot \mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0}$	$f _{\mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0}} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \psi_p f$
$f_j = \frac{1}{s(n)}q^{-j} + O(1) \quad \longmapsto \quad \psi_j$		

Theorem (Gundlach, Resnikoff, ...). M^5 is generated by E_2, ψ_1, E_6 and ψ_5 and all relations are induced by

$$\psi_5^2 - \left(\frac{67}{25}E_6 - \frac{42}{25}E_2^3 \right) \left(\frac{67}{43200} (E_2^3 - E_6) \right)^4 = \psi_1^2(\dots)$$

f	E_2	ψ_1	$e_6 := \frac{67}{25}E_6 - \frac{42}{25}E_2^3$	ψ_5
$f \circ \varphi$	g_2	0	g_3^2	$\Delta^2 g_3$
weight of f	2	5	6	15

Proof by induction (weight k):

$M_0^5(1) = \mathbb{C}$, $M_0^5(\mu) = M_{-k}^5(\mu) = \{0\}$ for all $\mu \neq 1, k > 0$.
In case $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$: $\mu \equiv 1$.

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Let $f \in M_k^5(1)$. Write $D := \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_0^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$.

k is odd: $\tau = D(\tau_2, \tau_1)$ on $\mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0}$, $N(\varepsilon_0^{-1}) = -1$

$$\Rightarrow f^+|_{\mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0}} \stackrel{\mu \equiv 1}{=} -f^+|_{\mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0}} \Rightarrow \psi_5|f^+ \text{ and } \psi_1|f^-$$

k is even: $f \circ \varphi$ is an elliptic mod. form of weight $2k$ for $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\Rightarrow \text{there is a polynomial } q: f \circ \varphi - q(g_2, g_3^2) \equiv 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow f - q(E_2, e_6)|_{\mathbb{D}} = 0 \Rightarrow \psi_1|f - q(E_2, e_6).$$

The relation immediately follows from the elliptic case. □

Theorem. M^{13} is generated by $\psi_1, \frac{\psi_4}{\psi_1}, E_2$ and ψ_{13} .

f	ψ_1	$\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1}$	E_2	ψ_{13}
$f \circ \varphi$	0	η^8	g_2	$\eta^{16}g_3$
weight of f	1	2	2	7
multiplier μ	μ_{13}	μ_{13}	1	μ_{13}^2

$$\mu_{13}(J) = 1, \mu_{13}(T) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}, \mu_{13}(T_w) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}.$$

μ is already determined by $f \circ \varphi$.

If k is odd, proceed as for $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ ($f^+(\tau) \in -e^{2\pi i\mathbb{Z}/3}f^+(\tau)$).

If k is even, there is a polynomial q satisfying $f \circ \varphi = q(\eta^8, g_2)$. $\Rightarrow \psi_1 | (f - q(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1}, E_2))$ \square

Lemma. *All relations of the generators for M^{13} are induced by*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \psi_{13}^2 - \left(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \right)^4 \left(E_2^3 - 2^6 3^3 \left(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \right)^3 \right) = \\
& - 108 \psi_1^{12} \psi_2 - \frac{27}{16} \psi_1^{10} E_2^2 + \frac{495}{8} \psi_1^8 \psi_2^2 E_2 \\
& - \frac{1459}{16} \psi_1^6 \psi_2^4 + \frac{41}{8} \psi_1^6 \psi_2 E_2 - 512 \psi_1^6 \left(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \right)^4 \\
& + \frac{1}{16} \psi_1^4 E_2^5 - \frac{97}{4} \psi_1^4 \psi_2^3 E_2^2 - \frac{1}{8} \psi_1^2 \psi_2^2 E_2^4 \\
& - 144 \psi_1^2 \left(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \right)^5 E_2 + \frac{189}{8} \psi_1^2 \psi_2^5 E_2 .
\end{aligned}$$

$q \neq 0$ polynomial, $q\left(\psi_1, \frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1}, E_2, \psi_{13}\right) \equiv 0$.

$r := q(0, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$.

If $r \equiv 0$ look at $q(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)/X_1$ instead of q .

Else $r(\eta^8, g_2, \eta^{16}g_3) \equiv 0$ holds, all elliptic relations are induced by

$$(\eta^{16}g_3)^2 - (\eta^8)^4 g_3^2 = 0$$

A comparison of fourier expansions concludes the argument. □

Theorem. M^{17} is generated by Ψ_1 , E_2 , $-\Psi_2$, η_2 and Ψ_{17} .

f	Ψ_1	E_2	$-\Psi_2$	$\eta_2/8$	Ψ_{17}
$f \circ \varphi$	0	g_2	η^6	η^6	$\eta^6 g_3$
weight of f	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{9}{2}$
multiplier μ	μ_{17}	1	μ_{17}^5	μ_{17}	μ_{17}^7

The proof is analogous to the ones for M^5 and M^{13} .

Problem 1: μ_{17} has order 8 and holds $\mu_{17}^4|_{\mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{Z})} = 1$, so we need two lifts of η^6 . If $\mu \neq 1$, there is $\nu \in \mathfrak{o}$ s.t. $\mu(T_\nu) = \mu\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \nu \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \neq 1$. Then $f(T_\nu\tau) = \mu(T_\nu)f(\tau) \neq f(\tau)$ holds as τ and $T_\nu\tau$ tend to ∞ . Thus f and $f \circ \varphi$ are cusp forms and $\eta^6|f \circ \varphi$.

Problem 2: For M^5 and M^{13} , every symmetric HMF f^+ of odd weight k is divisible by Ψ_p . Here:

$$\begin{aligned} f^+(\tau) &= f^+(D\bar{\tau}) = \mu(D)N(\varepsilon_0^{-1})^k f^+(\bar{\tau}) \\ &= e^{k\pi i} \mu(D) f^+(\tau), \quad (\bar{\tau} := (\tau_2, \tau_1)) \end{aligned}$$

for $\tau \in \mathbb{D}_{\varepsilon_0}$. Because of $\mu_{17}^4(D) = 1$, this property only depends on $\mu|_{\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})}$. We obtain:

Every symmetric HMF f for which $f \circ \varphi$ is a multiple of g_3 but not of g_3^2 , is divisible by Ψ_{17} .

Lemma.

$$\eta_2^2 - 64\psi_2^2 = 16\psi_1^2 E_2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{17}^2 - \psi_2^2 E_2^3 + 216\psi_2^5 \eta_2 &= -256\psi_1^{18} \\ &\quad - 176\psi_1^{12} \psi_2 \eta_2 - \frac{2671}{4096} \psi_1^6 \eta_2^4 + \frac{103}{8} \psi_1^4 E_2^2 \psi_2 \eta_2 \\ &\quad - \frac{87}{16} \psi_1^{10} E_2^2 - \frac{99}{128} \psi_1^2 E_2 \psi_2 \eta_2 + \frac{1387}{128} \psi_1^8 E_2 \eta_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

induce all relations of the generators for M^{17} .

Corollary. $M^{13}(1)$ is generated by

$$M_{13} := \left\{ E_2, \frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \psi_{13}, \left(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \right)^3, \psi_1 \left(\frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1} \right)^2, \right. \\ \left. \psi_1 \psi_{13}, \psi_1^2 \frac{\psi_4}{2\psi_1}, \psi_1^3 \right\}$$

Corollary. $M^{17}(1)$ is generated by

$$M_{17} = \{ E_2, \eta_2^8, \eta_2^3 \psi_2, \eta_2 \psi_{17}, \eta_2^2 \psi_1 \psi_2, \\ \psi_1 \psi_{17}, \eta_2 \psi_1^2 \psi_2, \psi_1^3 \psi_2, \\ \eta_2^4 \psi_1^4, \eta_2 \psi_1^7, \psi_1^8 \}$$