

# Tables of Paramodular Forms

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# Computational Aspects of Modularity

1. Part *I*. The Paramodular Conjecture.
2. Part *II*. Using Fourier-Jacobi expansions to make rigorous tables of paramodular forms. (Joint work with J. Breeding and D. Yuen.)
3. Part *III*. Using Fourier-Jacobi expansions to make heuristic tables of paramodular forms. (Joint work with D. Yuen.)
4. Our paramodular website exists:  
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## References

1. Pei-Yu Tsai, *On Newforms for Split Special Odd Orthogonal Groups*. (Harvard thesis: 2013)
2. Benedict Gross, *On the Langlands correspondence for symplectic motives*. (2015)

# Definition of Siegel Modular Form

- Siegel Upper Half Space:  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{Z \in M_{n \times n}^{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{C}) : \text{Im } Z > 0\}$ .
- Symplectic group:  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R})$  acts on  $Z \in \mathcal{H}_n$  by  $\sigma \cdot Z = (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1}$ .
- $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\Gamma \cap \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  has finite index in  $\Gamma$  and  $\text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{Z})$
- Slash action: For  $f : \mathcal{H}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $(f|_k \sigma)(Z) = \det(CZ + D)^{-k} f(\sigma \cdot Z)$ .
- Siegel Modular Forms:  $M_k(\Gamma)$  is the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of holomorphic  $f : \mathcal{H}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that are “bounded at the cusps” and that satisfy  $f|_k \sigma = f$  for all  $\sigma \in \Gamma$ .

# Definition of Siegel Modular Form

- Cusp Forms:  
 $S_k(\Gamma) = \{f \in M_k(\Gamma) \text{ that "vanish at the cusps"}\}$
- Fourier Expansion:  $f(Z) = \sum_{T>0} a(T; f)e(\text{tr}(ZT))$
- For paramodular groups:  $n = 2; \Gamma = K(N)$ ;  
symmetric  $T \in \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z} \\ \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z} & N\mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix}$

# Plus and Minus Spaces

## Paramodular Fricke involution

There is a paramodular involution  $\mu_N$  that splits spaces of paramodular forms into plus and minus spaces.

$$S_k(K(N)) = S_k(K(N))^+ \oplus S_k(K(N))^-$$

$$S_k(K(N))^\epsilon = \{f \in S_k(K(N)) : f|_k \mu_N = \epsilon f\}$$

$$\mu_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & N & & \\ -1 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & -N & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{Sp}_2(\mathbb{R})^{\mathrm{pr}}$$

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- Coefficients  $\phi_{Nm} \in J_{k, Nm}$  are *Jacobi forms*.

$$\phi_{Nm}(\tau, z) = \sum_{n, r \in \mathbb{Z}: n \geq 0, 4Nnm \geq r^2} a\left(\begin{smallmatrix} n & r/2 \\ r/2 & Nm \end{smallmatrix}\right); f) e(n\tau + rz)$$

# Fourier-Jacobi expansion (FJE)

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The Fourier-Jacobi expansion of a paramodular form is fixed *term by term* by the following subgroup of the paramodular group  $K(N)$ :

$$P_{2,1}(\mathbb{Z}) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} * & 0 & * & * \\ * & * & * & * \\ * & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{array} \right) \cap \text{Sp}_2(\mathbb{Z}), \quad * \in \mathbb{Z},$$

- $P_{2,1}(\mathbb{Z})/\{\pm I\} \cong \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \times \text{Heisenberg}(\mathbb{Z})$

Thus the coefficients  $\phi_{Nm}$  are automorphic forms in their own right and easier to compute than Siegel modular forms. This is one motivation for the introduction of Jacobi forms.

# Fourier-Jacobi expansion

## Two Natural Questions

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We ask two natural questions:

- 1 Which Jacobi forms can be a Fourier-Jacobi coefficient of a paramodular form?
- 2 Can we find the consistency conditions among a sequence of Jacobi forms that characterize the Fourier-Jacobi expansions of paramodular forms?

# Fourier-Jacobi expansion

## Natural Question Number One

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The existence of the Gritsenko lift answers the first question. Any Jacobi cusp form can be the *first* Fourier-Jacobi coefficient of a paramodular form.

### Theorem (Gritsenko)

For  $\phi \in J_{k,m}^{\text{cusp}}$  the series  $\text{Grit}(\phi)$  converges and defines a map

$$\text{Grit} : J_{k,m}^{\text{cusp}} \rightarrow S_k(K(m))^\epsilon, \quad \epsilon = (-1)^k.$$

$$\text{Grit}(\phi)\left(\begin{matrix} \tau & z \\ z & \omega \end{matrix}\right) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} \ell^{2-k} (\phi|V_\ell)(\tau, z) e(\ell m\omega).$$

# Fourier-Jacobi expansions

## Natural Question Number Two

Fix  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider a formal series of Jacobi forms  $\phi_{Nm}$  of weight  $k$  and index  $Nm$ :

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \phi_{Nm} \xi^{Nm}.$$

If this sequence of Jacobi forms is the Fourier-Jacobi expansion of a paramodular form  $f$  in  $S_k(K(N))^\epsilon$ , then the Fourier coefficients of the Jacobi forms satisfy simple relations that follow from the  $\mu_N$ -eigenvalue condition on  $f$ :

$$c(n, r; \phi_{Nm}) = \epsilon(-1)^k c(m, r; \phi_{Nn})$$

Experimentally, these conditions seem to be sufficient as well, but this has only been proven for  $N \leq 4$ .

# Natural Question Two

## References

The sufficiency of the conditions

$c(n, r; \phi_{Nm}) = \epsilon(-1)^k c(m, r; \phi_{Nn})$  is not hard to believe because  $K(N)^+ = \langle K(N), \mu_N \rangle = \langle P_{2,1}(\mathbb{Z}), \mu_N \rangle$ . The only obstruction is convergence.

1. Aoki, *Estimating Siegel modular forms of genus 2 using Jacobi forms* (2000)  $(N = 1)$
2. Ibukiyama, Poor, Yuen, *Jacobi forms that characterize paramodular forms*. (2013)  $(N \leq 4)$
3. Brunier, Raum, *Kudla's Modularity Conjecture and Formal Fourier-Jacobi Series* (2015)

Notation:  $K(N)^* = \langle K(N), \text{All paramodular AL-involutions} \rangle$

# Strategy for the rigorous computation of paramodular forms

1. Find a sufficient number of Fourier-Jacobi coefficients, say  $L$ , that determine a paramodular form in  $S_k(K(N))^\epsilon$ , *without* knowing the dimension of  $S_k(K(N))^\epsilon$ .
2. Use the theory of *theta blocks* due to Gritsenko, Skoruppa, and Zagier, to span spaces of Jacobi forms.
3. Use the conditions  $c(n, r; \phi_{Nm}) = \epsilon(-1)^k c(m, r; \phi_{Nn})$  to define a vector space  $V$  containing all possible initial Fourier-Jacobi expansions of length  $L$  from  $S_k(K(N))^\epsilon$ .
4. If you can construct  $\dim V$  linearly independent paramodular forms in  $S_k(K(N))^\epsilon$  then you have proven  $\dim S_k(K(N))^\epsilon = \dim V$ .

# How many Fourier-Jacobi coefficients determine a paramodular cusp form?

## Definition

*The Jacobsthal function  $j(N)$  is defined to be the smallest positive integer  $m$  such that every sequence of  $m$  consecutive positive integers contains an integer coprime to  $N$ .*

Examples:  $j(2) = j(3) = j(4) = j(5) = 2$ ,  
 $j(6) = 4$ ,  $j(10) = 4$ ,  $j(15) = 3$ .

$j(N) \in O((\ln N)^2)$ ; H. Iwaniec, *On the problem of Jacobsthal* (1978)



# How many FJCs determine a paramodular form?

## Theorem (Breeding, Poor, Yuen)

Let  $k, N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\chi : K(N)^* \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  be a character trivial on  $K(N)$ . Let  $f \in S_k(K(N)^*, \chi)$  be a common eigenfunction of the paramodular Atkin-Lehner involutions and have Fourier-Jacobi expansion

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi_{jN} \xi^{jN}.$$

Let  $N = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_\ell^{\alpha_\ell}$  be the prime factorization of  $N$  and set  $\tilde{N} = p_1 \cdots p_\ell$ . Choose  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $2\mu + 1 \geq j(\tilde{N}/p_i)$  for all  $i$ . Let  $\kappa$  be 1 when  $N$  is prime, 2 when  $N$  is a composite prime power and  $1 + \mu + \mu^2$  otherwise. If  $\phi_{jN} = 0$  for

$$j \leq \kappa \frac{k}{10} N \prod_{p^r \parallel N} \frac{p^r + p^{r-2}}{p^r + 1}, \text{ then } f = 0.$$

# Rigorous dimensions of weight two paramodular forms

Table 1. Dimension of  $S_2(K(N))$  and number of FJ-coefficients needed in proof for  $N \leq 60$ . Omitted levels  $N$  indicate that  $\dim S_2(K(N)) = 0$ .

$N$	37	43	53	57	58
<b>dim</b>	1	1	1	$1^{++}$	$1^{++}$
<b>FJCs</b>	7	8	10	9	8

These eigenforms are all Gritsenko lifts.

Paramodular Conjecture (vacuously) true for (odd) levels  $N \leq 60$ .

# Rigorous dimensions of weight three paramodular forms

Table 2. Dimension of  $S_3(K(N))$  and number of FJ-coefficients needed in proof for  $N \leq 40$ . Omitted levels  $N$  indicate that  $\dim S_3(K(N)) = 0$ .

$N$	13	17	19	21	22	23	25	26	27	28
<b>dim</b>	1	1	1	$1^{+-}$	$1^{+-}$	1	1	$1^{+-}$	1	$1^{-+}$
<b>FJCs</b>	3	4	5	4	3	6	8	5	7	4

$N$	29	31	32	33	34	35	37	38	39	40
<b>dim</b>	2	2	1	$2^{+-}_{-+}$	$2^{+-2}$	$1^{+-}$	4	$2^{+-2}$	$2^{+-2}$	$1^{-+}$
<b>FJC</b>	7	9	10	6	7	3	10	6	9	7

# Strategy for heuristic computation of paramodular forms

Run everything in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , for an auxiliary prime  $q$ , to save memory.

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2. Use the theory of *theta blocks* due to Gritsenko, Skoruppa, and Zagier, to span spaces of Jacobi forms.
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4. *Hope* that  $\dim S_k(K(N))^\epsilon = \dim V$ .

# Heuristic tables: $k = 2$ paramodular newforms: $N \leq 600$ .

$$+\text{new} = \dim \left( (S_2(K(N))^{\text{new}})^+ / \text{Grit} \left( J_{2,N}^{\text{cusp}} \right) \right)$$

$$-\text{new} = \dim (S_2(K(N))^{\text{new}})^- .$$

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249	$\geq 1$		ss-Jac
277	$= 1$		ss-Jac
295	$\geq 1$		ss-Jac
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353	$= 1$		ss-Jac
388	$\geq 1$		ss-Jac

$N$	+new	-new	various comments
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394	1		ss-Jac
427	1		ss-Jac
461	$\leq 1$		ss-Jac
464	1		ss-Jac
472	1		ss-Jac
511	2		unknown 4 dim $A/\mathbb{Q}$ , quad pair, $\sqrt{5}$
523	$\leq 1$		ss-Jac
550	1		surface unknown

$N$	+new	-new	various comments
555	= 1		ss-Jac
561	1		ss-Prym
574	1		ss-Jac
587	$\leq 1$	= 1	both ss-Jac
597	1		ss-Jac
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657	1		Weil Res., $E/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$
775	1		Weil Res., $E/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$
954	2		twists by $\sqrt{-3}$

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