

# Existence of cusp forms for $SL(2)$

$\Delta = -y^2 (\partial_{xx}^2 + 2xy \partial_{xy}^2 + y^2 \partial_{yy}^2) \rightarrow$  Hyperbolic Laplacian

on  $\mathbb{H}$ .

$L^2(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}) = \langle 1 \rangle \oplus L^2_{cfs} \oplus L^2_{cusp}$

Spherical  $L^2$ -automorphic form.

generated by  $E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}(z)$   
 $= \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_0 \backslash SL(2, \mathbb{Z})} \text{Im}(\gamma z)^{-\frac{1}{2}+it}$

we wish to show  $L^2_{cusp} \neq 0$ .

for any prime  $p$ , we also have the Hecke operator  $T_p$ , which acts on functions in  $L^2(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H})$ , via

the following rule:

$T_p f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \left( f(pz) + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} f\left(\frac{z+k}{p}\right) \right)$

[Defn:  $(T_n f)(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{\substack{ad=n \\ 0 \leq b < d}} f\left(\frac{az+b}{d}\right)$ ]

Now we have the following action of  $\Delta$  &  $T_p$  on the Eisenstein Series:

[ on Eisenstein Series  $E_s(z)$ ,  
 $T_n E_s(z) = \sum_{ad=n} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^s = \sum_{d|n} d^{1-2s}$  ]

$\Delta E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}(z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}+it\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{2}-it\right) E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}(z)$   
 $= \left(\frac{1}{4}+t^2\right) E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}(z)$

$T_p E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}(z) = \left(p^{it} + p^{-it}\right) E_{\frac{1}{2}+it}(z)$  (After correct normalization)

$\Delta$ , &  $T_p$  commute with each other

The above two equation has a nice interpretation in terms of automorphic wave equation:

$$\Delta_{tt} = -\Delta u + \frac{u}{4},$$

let us assume the solution to the above equation is  $u(x+iy, t)$  when we have the following boundary condition

Condition

$$u|_{t=0} = E_{\frac{1}{2}+i\tau}, \quad u_t|_{t=0} = 0.$$

Then we get  $u(x+iy, t) = \frac{1}{2} E_{\frac{1}{2}+i\tau}(x+iy) (e^{it\tau} + e^{-it\tau})$

$$[ \text{as } \Delta_{tt}(u)|_{t=0} = -\tau^2(u)|_{t=0} ]$$

$$\text{Hence } T_P E_{\frac{1}{2}+i\tau}(x+iy) = 2u(x+iy, \log t)$$

Now let  $U_t \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(L^2(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}) \cap C^\infty(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}))$

$$f(x+iy) \mapsto 2u(x+iy, t)$$

When  $u$  is the solution to  $\Delta_{tt} = -\Delta u + \frac{u}{4}$ , with boundary condition  $u|_{t=0} = f, u_t|_{t=0} = 0$ .

one can show that  $U_t$  is self adjoint. Moreover formally one can write  $U_t = e^{t\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}-\Delta}} + e^{-t\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}-\Delta}}$ .

Therefore we have the following proposition

prop For every  $f \in L^2 \oplus \langle 1 \rangle$ . both  $T_P$  &  $U(\log t)$  are self adjoint.

$$T_P f = U(\log t) f,$$

Cor for every smooth  $f \in L^2(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H})$ .  $[T_P - U(\log t)] f \in L^2_{\text{cusp}}$ .

Now in order to show  ~~$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \log p$~~ .

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$L^2_{\text{cusp}}(\cdot) \neq 0$ , it is enough to show that there exists one non-zero function  $f$ , such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \log p (f) \neq 0$$

For  $R > 0$ , let  $\mathcal{R}_R$  be the Siegel domain  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbb{Z} \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Now for  $R > 1$ , we get the following composition.

$$\mathcal{R}_R \hookrightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{H}} (SL(2, \mathbb{Z}), A: \det(A) = -1) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{H}} PGL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

Hence the image of  $\mathcal{R}_R$  in  $\frac{\mathbb{H}}{PGL(2, \mathbb{Z})}$  is quotienting

out by  $x+iy \mapsto -x+iy$ . Let  $L^2_{0, \text{even}}(\mathcal{R}_R)$  be the set of function  $\in L^2(\mathcal{R}_R)$  with integral 0 and invariant under  $x+iy \mapsto -x+iy$ .

Hence we have isometric embedding.

$$L^2_{0, \text{even}}(\mathcal{R}_R) \cong L^2_0(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H})$$

Similarly  $C^{\infty}_{0, \text{even}}(\mathcal{R}_R) \rightarrow$  Smooth subspace of  $L^2_{0, \text{even}}(\mathcal{R}_R)$ .

Let  $V_{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}}$  Subspace  $C^{\infty}_{0, \text{even}}(\mathcal{R}_R)$  consist of functions of the form  $f(x+iy) = h(y) \cos(2\pi nx)$ .

at  $R > e^t$ . The solutions to the wave equation propagate @ a finite speed. It follows that if  $f \in V_{n,R}$  has support on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the function  $U_t f$  has support on  $t$  neighbourhood of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n e^{-t}$  (this is due to the metric is in hyperbolic space  $ds^2 = -y^2(dx^2 + dy^2)$ ).  
 Here  $d((x,y), (x,R)) = \left| \int_y^R \frac{dy'}{y'} \right| = \left| \ln \frac{R}{y} \right|$

Now  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  acts naturally on  $\mathbb{R}^n e^{-t}$ , through the following  $S \cdot f(x+iy) = f(x+t+iy)$ . This action commutes with  $\Delta$ , hence with  $U_t$ . Now a function  $f \in C^\infty_{\text{even}}(\mathbb{R})$  belongs to  $V_{n,R}$  exactly when under the action of  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  it transforms under some linear combinations of characters of the form  $S \mapsto e^{2\pi i n s}$  and  $S \mapsto e^{-2\pi i n s}$ .  
 So when  $R > e^{-t}$  we have that  $U_t V_{n,R} \subset V_{n,R e^{-t}}$ .

On the other hand  $T_p V_{n,R} \subset \begin{cases} V_{n,R/p}, & \text{if } p \nmid n \\ V_{n,R/p} \oplus V_{n/p,pR} & \text{if } p \mid n. \end{cases}$

Now  $V_{n,R}$  and  $V_{n',R'}$  are orthogonal, when  $n \neq n'$ .

Therefore  $T_p V_{n,R} \perp V_{n',R'}$  if  $n \neq 0$  and  $R > p$ .  
 So if  $f \in V_{n,R}$  then  $[T_p - \sqrt{\log p}] f \neq 0$ .

Now one can understand the operators  $T_f$  and  $\mathcal{N}_{\log p}$  as functions in the convolution algebra of compactly supported smooth functions / distributions.

$$L^2(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash PGL(2, \mathbb{R}) / PO(2)) \cong L^2(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H})$$

Therefore the functions on the right are  $K_\infty = PO(2)$  invariant functions on  $PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash PGL(2, \mathbb{R})$  then  $f * \check{y}(g) = \int_G \varphi(g h^{-1}) f(h) dh$  are  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(K \backslash G / K)$  or distributions.

Now, let  $\Xi_s(z)$  be the Harish-chandra Spherical function defined on  $\mathbb{H}$  which is characterized by

Unique characterization upto a scalar

- i) Spherically symmetric, i.e. depending only on the hyperbolic distance of  $z$  from the point  $i \in \mathbb{H}$ .
- ii)  $\Delta \Xi_s = (1/4 + s^2) \Xi_s(z)$
- iii)  $\Xi_s(i) = 1$ .

Now for any  $\varphi$  as above (as a distribution) &  $K$  invariant, satisfy the following:  $\Xi_s * \check{\varphi}$  also satisfies  $\Rightarrow$  & ii).

Hence  $\Xi_s * \check{\varphi} = \hat{\varphi}(s) \Xi_s$ , when  $\hat{\varphi}(s)$  is called spherical Fourier transform.

Now the inverse of this  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{\varphi}(s) \Xi_s(z) |c(s)|^2 ds$  where  $c(s) = \pi^{-1/2} \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(s+1/2)}$  is called Plancherel measure.

Therefore, by definition of  $u_{\log p}$ , its spectral transform is  $\phi^{is} + \phi^{-is}$ , hence formally the corresponding distribution (spherical) is given by

$$K_{u_{\log p}}(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int (\phi^{is} + \phi^{-is}) \sum_{L_S} (z) [e^{L_S}]^2 dS.$$

it has a support in the hyperbolic disc of radius  $\log p$  around the point  $i \in \mathbb{H}$  (using Paley-Wiener theorem).

Now for  $T_p$  are the following:

When  $S = \{a, b\}$ , then  $PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H} \cong PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash PGL(2, \mathbb{R}) / K_0$ .

We denote this isomorphism as  $\hat{i}$ .

then we have isomorphism  $\hat{i}^* : L^2(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H}) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma \backslash G_S / K_S)$ .

Therefore we have  $\hat{i}^*(T_p f) = \hat{i}^*(f) * K_{T_p}$ .

When  $K_{T_p}(g_a, g_b) = p^{-1/2} \delta_1(g_a) \mathbb{1}_{K_p(p \circ)}(g_b)$

Therefore the operator  $\mathcal{R} = T_p - u_{\log p}$  on  $L^2(PGL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{H})$  can be viewed as convolution operator on the space  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G_S / K_S)$  by the distribution  $K_{\mathcal{R}} = K_{u_{\log p}} - K_{T_p}$ .

and for any  $f \in C_c^\infty(K_S \backslash G_S / K_S)$  the composition  $f \rightarrow (N(f) * \mathbb{H})$  give rise to following convolution operator  $f \rightarrow f * (k_1 - k'_1)$ .

using cuspidality of the image we get necessary condition on  $k_1 - k'_1$ , then we find  $k_1 - k'_1$  using Paley-Wiener.