

# Modular Forms: Problem Sheet 11

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1. (a) Let  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ N & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that  $\gamma^{-1}\Gamma_1(N)\gamma = \Gamma_1(N)$ , and so the operator  $w_N = |_k\gamma$  is the double coset operator  $[\Gamma_1(N)\gamma\Gamma_1(N)]_k$  on  $\mathcal{S}_k(\Gamma_1(N))$ . Show that  $w_N \langle n \rangle w_N^{-1} = \langle n \rangle^*$  for all  $n$  such that  $(n, N) = 1$ , and thus for all  $n$ .
- (b) Let  $\Gamma_1(N)\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix}\Gamma_1(N) = \cup_j \Gamma_1(N)\beta_j$  be a distinct union. From part (a),  $\gamma\Gamma_1(N) = \Gamma_1(N)\gamma$  and similarly for  $\gamma^{-1}$ . Use this and the formula

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix} \gamma$$

to find coset representatives for  $\Gamma_1(N)\begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\Gamma_1(N)$ . Use the formula for the adjoint computed in Theorem 3.4.6 and the coset representatives to show that

$$T_p^* = w_N T_p w_N^{-1} \text{ and so } T_n^* = w_N T_n w_N^{-1} \text{ for all } n.$$

- (c) Show that  $w_N^* = (-1)^k w_N$  and that  $i^k w_N T_n$  is self-adjoint.
2. Let  $l$  be a prime and let  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ . Recall the  $U_l$  and  $V_l$  operators and their action on the  $q$ -expansion of  $f = \sum_n a_n q^n \in \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_1(N))$ :

$$U_l f = \sum_n a_{nl} q^n,$$

$$V_l f = \sum_n a_n q^{nl}.$$

Compute the composition  $V_l \circ U_l$ .

3. Recall that a lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$  is a subgroup  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{C}$  of the form

$$\Lambda = \omega_1 \mathbb{Z} + \omega_2 \mathbb{Z}$$

for two  $\mathbb{R}$ -linearly independent complex numbers  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ . We make the normalizing convention that  $\omega_1/\omega_2 \in \mathcal{H}$  and denote  $\mathcal{L}$  the set of such lattices. Note that two lattices of  $\mathcal{L}$ , say  $\Lambda = \omega_1 \mathbb{Z} + \omega_2 \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\Lambda' = \omega'_1 \mathbb{Z} + \omega'_2 \mathbb{Z}$ , are equal if and only if there exists a matrix  $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} \omega'_1 \\ \omega'_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For an arbitrary  $\Lambda = \omega_1 \mathbb{Z} + \omega_2 \mathbb{Z}$ , we let  $\tau = \omega_1/\omega_2 \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\Lambda_\tau := \tau \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}$ . Then, the map

$$\varphi_\tau : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}/\Lambda & \rightarrow & \mathbb{C}/\Lambda_\tau \\ z + \Lambda & \mapsto & z/\omega_2 + \Lambda_\tau \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism. Moreover,  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$  is uniquely determined up to the action of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Finally, we say that a map

$$\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

is homogeneous of weight  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  if it satisfies

$$\mathcal{F}(\lambda\Lambda) = \lambda^{-k}\mathcal{F}(\Lambda) \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^* \text{ and } \Lambda \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Note that the value of  $F$  at any  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}$  is completely determined by its value at  $\Lambda_\tau$ . To a homogeneous map, we associate a function  $f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by letting  $f(\tau) = \mathcal{F}(\Lambda_\tau)$  for all  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}$ . This function is then well-defined by the above paragraph.

- (a) Show that such an  $f$  is modular, i.e. prove that  $f(\gamma\tau) = \mathcal{F}(\Lambda_{\gamma\tau}) = j(\gamma, \tau)^k f(\tau)$  for all  $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$ .
- (b) For a prime number  $p$ , define the Hecke operator  $T_p$  by letting  $T_p\mathcal{F}$  be the homogeneous function of weight  $k$  corresponding to  $T_p f$  (where the second occurrence of  $T_p$  is our usual Hecke operator on  $\mathcal{M}_k(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$ ). Show that

$$T_p\mathcal{F}(\Lambda) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\substack{\Lambda' \supset \Lambda \\ [\Lambda' : \Lambda] = p}} \mathcal{F}(\Lambda'), \quad \forall \Lambda \in \mathcal{L}.$$