

Different Aspects of Rankin-Cohen Operators

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$$H = \{ z = x + iy \mid x \in \mathbb{R}; y > 0 \} \quad + \quad \text{Poincaré } ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$$

$$G = SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H : z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d} =: g.z; \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G \curvearrowright \mathcal{D}(H).$$

A holom. function $f \in \mathcal{D}(H)$ is hol. modular form of weight $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ w.r.t $\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ if:

$$\bullet \quad \underbrace{f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right) = f(z) \cdot (cz+d)^k}_{\text{growth conditions at } \infty.} \quad \forall \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$$

Ex. $\Delta(z) = e^{2\pi i z} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{2\pi i n z})^{24}$ - mod. form of weight 12.

Observation. Product of 2 modular forms of weight k_1 & k_2 is modular of weight $k_1 + k_2$.

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If f is modular of weight k .

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z) = ?$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -k \cdot c (cz+d)^{-k-1} f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right) + (cz+d)^{-k-2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d} \right).$$

$k_1 f_1 \cdot f_2' - k_2 f_1' \cdot f_2$ - modular form of weight $k_1 + k_2 + 2$

There exist an infinite family of such bi-differential operators



$$RC_{k_1, k_2}^{k_3}(f_1, f_2)(z) := \sum_{l=0}^a (-1)^l \binom{k_1+a-1}{l} \binom{k_2+a-1}{a-l} f_1^{(a-l)}(z) \cdot f_2^{(l)}(z)$$

where

$$k_3 = k_1 + k_2 + 2a$$

Prop. If f_1 is hol. mod. form of weight k_1
 f_2 ————— // ————— k_2

Then $RC_{k_1, k_2}^{k_3}(f_1, f_2)$ - hol. mod. form of weight $k_1 + k_2 + 2a$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{k_3}$

$0, 1, 2, \dots, k-2, \dots, 0, 2, \dots$

$$\mathcal{U} \cong L_2(\mathbb{K}) \cong U(\mathbb{H}) / \{L(\mathbb{H}, y \, dx dy)\} =: \mathcal{B}_k(\mathbb{H})$$

by $\pi_k(g) f(z) := (cz+d)^{-k} f\left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}\right); g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$

$\{\pi_k\}_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{N} \\ k \geq 2}}$ - Hol. discr. series repr. $k = 2, 3, 5, \dots$
unitary & irred.

Thm $RC_{k_1 k_2}^{k_3}(\pi_{k_1}(g) f_1, \pi_{k_2}(g) f_2) = \pi_{k_3}(g) RC_{k_1 k_2}^{k_3}(f_1, f_2)$
" $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\forall g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\mathfrak{g} = sl_2(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Vect} \langle h, e^+, e^- \rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[h, e^\pm] = \pm 2 e^\pm$$

$$[e^+, e^-] = h.$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{g}) \ni c = h^2 + 2(e^+ e^- + e^- e^+).$$

For $X \in \mathfrak{g}$, $d\pi_k(X) := \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \pi_k(\exp tX)$

$$X = h, e^+, e^-.$$

$$d\pi_k(e^-) f(z) = kz \cdot f(z) + z^2 f'(z)$$

$$d\pi_k(e^+) f(z) = -f'(z)$$

$$d\pi_k(h) f(z) = -kf(z) - 2z f'(z).$$

Consider

$$v_l = \frac{(k+l-1)!}{(k-1)!} \cdot z^{-k-l}; \quad \text{let } V_k = \langle v_l \rangle_{l \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

$$d\pi_k(e^+) v_l = v_{l+1}; \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$d\pi_k(e^-) v_l = -l(k+l-1)v_{l-1}; \quad l \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}.$$

$$d\pi_k(e^-) v_0 = 0.$$

$$d\pi_k(h) v_l = (k+2l)v_l; \quad \forall l.$$

$$d\pi_k(c) v = (k^2 - 2k)v; \quad \forall v \in V_k.$$

Consider

$V_{k_1} \otimes V_{k_2}$ as a \mathfrak{sl}_2 -module by
diag. embed.

$$\Rightarrow V_{k_1} \otimes V_{k_2} = \bigoplus_{a=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{V_{k_1+k_2+2a}}_{?}$$

comes from
the second
copy.

Inred. components contain: $\sum_l \lambda_l (v_l \otimes \tilde{v}_{a-l})$

is killed by the diagonal action of e^-

which are killed by the weight vector λ .

Indeed, an h -eigenvector v is of the form $v_l \otimes \tilde{v}_m \in V_{k_1} \otimes V_{k_2}$
with $k_1 + k_2 + 2(l+m)$, so

the eigenspace corresp. to the eigenvalue $k_1 + k_2 + 2a$ is
generated by $v_l \otimes \tilde{v}_{a-l}$ with $\underline{l = 0, \dots, a}$

To find a lowest weight vector we need to solve
a system of PDE. But instead, we may reduce
computations to coefficients a recurrence relation on the