

# THETA LIFTINGS AND MODULARITY OF ABELIAN VARIETIES (BUILDING BRIDGES 4, BUDAPEST)

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## 1. LECTURE 1 (JENS FUNKE)

The first lecture will be an introduction to theta correspondence. We will describe how a theta series arises from a representation theoretic point of view, but also

**1.1. Heisenberg group.** Let  $R$  be one of the following rings  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  (where  $N$ ,  $q$  are odd). Let  $W$  be symplectic space over  $R$  with symplectic form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , and  $\dim W = 2n$  (when  $R$  is a field).

**Definition 1.1.** The *Heisenberg group*  $H(R)$  is  $W \oplus R$  as a set with the group law

$$(w, t) \cdot (w', t') = (w + w', t + t' + \langle w, w' \rangle).$$

**Remark 1.2.** We caution the reader that in characteristic not equal to 2, some references will write the group law as  $(w, t) \cdot (w', t') = (w + w', t + t' + \frac{1}{2}\langle w, w' \rangle)$ . This is, of course, equivalent, but the formulas might look slightly different.

**Exercise 1.3.** Show that

$$H \cong \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x & t & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & y \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{array} \right) \mid x^t \in R^n, y \in R^n, t \in R \right\} \subseteq M_{(n+2) \times (n+2)}(R).$$

**Lemma 1.4.** *We have that  $C(H) = Z(H) = \{(0, t)\}$ .*

Consider the “right” category of representations of  $H$ : for example, admissible, unitary, smooth  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module, ...

Throughout, we let  $\psi: R \rightarrow S^1 \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be a non-trivial character.

**Theorem 1.5** (Stone-von Neumann). *There exists, up to isomorphism, a unique irreducible right representation  $\pi_\psi$  of  $H(R)$  with given non-trivial central character  $\psi$ .*

**Remark 1.6.** The proof of this theorem will not be given. However, the case where  $R = \mathbb{F}_q$  will be given an exercise in the afternoon session.

**Construction.** Let  $W = X \oplus Y$  be a polarization. In other words, there is a basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  of  $X$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  of  $Y$  such that

$$\langle e_i, f_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}, \quad \langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \langle f_i, f_j \rangle = 0.$$

This is consistent with Exercise 1.3, where we may take  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$  with this notation.

Let  $H(Y) = \{(y, t) \mid y \in Y, t \in R\}$  and extend  $\psi$  to  $H(Y)$  by  $\psi(y, t) = \psi(t)$ .

**Definition 1.7.** The *Schödinger model* of the representation  $\pi_\psi$  is

$$S = S_\psi = \text{Ind}_{H(Y)}^H \psi = \{F \in L^2(H) \mid F(h'(0, y, t)) = \psi(-t)F(h')\}$$

The action is defined by  $hF(h') = F(h^{-1}h')$ .

The values of  $F$  are known on  $H(Y)$ , so only need to know  $F$  on

$$H/H(Y) \cong \{(x, 0) \mid x \in X\}.$$

Hence  $F$  is determined by a function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Unwinding the definitions, we get the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.8.** *The action on  $L^2(X)$  is given by*

- (1)  $(0, t)f(x) = \psi(t)f(x)$ ,
- (2)  $(x', 0)f(x) = f(x - x')$ ,
- (3)  $(y, 0)f(x) = \psi(2\langle x, y \rangle)f(x)$ .

**1.2. Weil/Oscillator Representation.** Recall that

$$\text{Sp}(W) = \{g \in \text{GL}(W) : \langle gw, gw' \rangle = \langle w, w' \rangle \text{ for all } w, w'\}.$$

Note that when  $n = 1$ ,  $\text{Sp}(W) = \text{SL}_2(R)$ . Thus, these groups are generalizations of  $\text{SL}_2(R)$ . Note that  $g \in \text{Sp}(W)$  acts on  $H(W)$  by  $(w, t)^g = (w \cdot g, t)$ . We can hence twist the Schrödinger representation  $\pi_\psi$  of  $H(W)$  by the action of  $g$ , defining

$$\pi_\psi^g(w, t) = \pi_\psi((w, t)^g) = \pi_\psi((wg, t)).$$

**Remark 1.9.** During this lecture, we let groups act on vector spaces on the right. In matrix form, this means that all vectors are row vectors and matrices act on the right.

**Exercise 1.10.** *For each  $g$ ,  $\pi_\psi^g$  is still a representation of  $H(W)$  with the same central character  $\psi$ .*

Therefore, by the uniqueness in the Stone–von Neumann Theorem 1.5,  $\pi_\psi^g \cong \pi_\psi$ , hence there exists an intertwining map

$$r(g): L^2(X) \rightarrow L^2(X)$$

such that

$$r(g) \circ \pi_\psi(w, t) = \pi_\psi^g(w, t) \circ r(g).$$

By Schur’s Lemma,  $r(g)$  is unique up to scalar. Therefore,

$$r(g) \in \mathrm{GL}(L^2(X))/R^\times = \mathrm{PGL}(L^2(X)).$$

This gives a map

$$\begin{aligned} r: \mathrm{Sp}(W) &\rightarrow \mathrm{PGL}(L^2(X)), \\ g &\mapsto r(g). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.11.** *The map  $r$  is a (projective) representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(W)$ , i.e.  $r(g_1g_2) = r(g_1)r(g_2)$  holds in  $\mathrm{PGL}(L^2(X))$ .*

*Proof idea.* Check that  $r(g_1)r(g_2)$  intertwines  $\pi$  and  $\pi^{g_1g_2}$ . □

**Proposition 1.12.** *The following properties determine the representation  $r$  above:*

$$(1) \ m(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & {}_t a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } a \in \mathrm{GL}(X) \text{ acts by}$$

$$r(m(a))f(x) = |\det(a)|^{\frac{1}{2}} f(xa)$$

$$(2) \ n(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } b \in \mathrm{Sym}_n(R) \text{ acts by}$$

$$r(n(b))f(x) = \psi(\langle x, xb \rangle) f(x),$$

$$(3) \ S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ acts by}$$

$$r(S) = \int_Y f(y) f(-2\langle x, y \rangle) dy,$$

where  $y$  is the appropriate Haar measure on  $Y$ .

**Fact 1.13.** *There exists a two-fold extension  $\mathrm{Mp}(W)$  of  $\mathrm{Sp}(W)$ , i.e. we have a short exact sequence*

$$1 \longrightarrow \{\pm 1\} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Mp}(W) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(W) \longrightarrow 1$$

on which  $r$  becomes a genuine representation.

**Definition 1.14.** The group  $\mathrm{Mp}(W)$  is the *Metaplectic group*. The representation of  $\mathrm{Mp}(W)$  from Fact 1.13 is called the *Weil representation*  $\omega = \omega_\psi$ .

**Example 1.15.** Suppose  $n = 1$ ,  $R = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\psi(t) = e^{2\pi it}$ . In this case,  $\mathrm{Sp}(W) = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and we have an action on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . We would like to be able to differentiate the functions in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , but not all these functions are differentiable. We consider the *Schwartz space*  $S(\mathbb{R})$  of

functions which are rapidly decaying and all of whose derivative are rapidly decaying. This space is dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . We restrict our attention to even simpler functions:

$$\{p(x)e^{-\pi x^2} \mid p(x) \text{ polynomial}\} \subseteq S(\mathbb{R})$$

which is also dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . We may then consider the representation on this last space. Note that, with our choice of character, the actions of  $m(a)$  and  $n(b)$  are simple and  $S$  acts by Fourier transforms.

To get a genuine representation, we need to consider  $\text{Mp}(\mathbb{R}) \supset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . The Lie algebra of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{X \mid \text{Tr } X = 0\}$ . Here, the action is

$$\omega(X)f = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \omega(\exp(tX))f \right) \Big|_{t=0}.$$

Writing this down explicitly:

- (1)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  acts as  $x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 1$ ,
- (2)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  acts as  $i\pi x^2$ ,
- (3)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  acts as  $\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ . Note that  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  acts as  $\pi x^2 - \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ . We can also write down the action of

$$X_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \pm i \\ \pm i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This model is called the *Foch model* of the Weil representation.

**Definition 1.16.** We call  $f \in S(\mathbb{R})$  a *weight vector* of *weight*  $k$  with respect to  $H$  if

$$\omega(H)f = k \cdot f.$$

**Remark 1.17.** This weight will coincide with the weight of a modular form later on.

**Example 1.18** (Previous example continued). Since  $[H, X_{\pm}] = \pm 2X_{\pm}$ , the action of  $X_+$  raises the weight by 2, and the action of  $X_-$  lowers the weight by 2.

The *Gaussian*  $f_0 = e^{-2\pi^2}$  has weight  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The function  $f_1 = xe^{-\pi x^2}$  has weight  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

As an exercise, one can check that  $\omega(X_-)f_0 = 0$  and  $\omega(X_0)f_1 = 0$ . However,  $X_+$  never kills any  $f$ . We hence have a picture

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \xleftarrow{X_-} & f_0 & \xrightleftharpoons[X_-]{X_+} & f_0^1 & \xrightleftharpoons[X_-]{X_+} & f_0^2 \longrightarrow \dots \\ \text{weight} & & \frac{1}{2} & & \frac{5}{2} & & \frac{9}{2} \quad \dots \end{array}$$

and we call this collection the *even vectors*  $S_0(\mathbb{R})$ . Similarly, for  $f_1$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \xrightarrow{X_+} & & \xrightarrow{X_+} & \\
 0 & \xleftarrow{X_-} & f_1 & & f_1^1 & & f_0^2 \longrightarrow \dots \\
 & & & \xleftarrow{X_-} & & \xleftarrow{X_-} & \\
 \text{weight} & & \frac{3}{2} & & \frac{7}{2} & & \frac{11}{2} \quad \dots
 \end{array}$$

and we call this collection  $S_1(\mathbb{R})$  the *odd vectors*.

Altogether,  $S(\mathbb{R}) = S_0(\mathbb{R}) \oplus S_1(\mathbb{R})$  as  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ -representations. We call the representation  $S_0(\mathbb{R})$  the *holomorphic discrete series of lowest weight*  $\frac{1}{2} D_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and the representation  $S_1(\mathbb{R})$  the *holomorphic discrete series of lowest weight*  $\frac{3}{2}, D_{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

**1.3. Theta/Howe correspondence/Dual pairs.** Consider  $G, G' \subseteq \mathrm{Sp}(W)$ . Then  $G$  and  $G'$  are called a *dual pair* if  $\mathrm{Cent}(G) = G'$  and  $\mathrm{Cent}(G') = G$ .

**Example 1.19.** Let  $W = R^{2n}$  be a symplectic space with the form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , and let  $V$  be an orthogonal space of dimension  $m$  with the form  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Let

$$\mathbb{W} = W \otimes V$$

be the  $2nm$ -dimensional symplectic space with the bilinear form

$$\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket = \langle \cdot \rangle (\cdot, \cdot).$$

Then  $G = O(V)$  and  $G' = \mathrm{Sp}(W)$  form a dual pair inside  $\mathrm{Sp}(\mathbb{W})$ .

We may then restrict the Weil representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(\mathbb{W})$  to  $O(V) \times \mathrm{Sp}(W) \subseteq \mathrm{Sp}(\mathbb{W})$ . (This is a product since  $(G, G')$  is a dual reductive pair.)

Where do we act? What is  $X$ ?

Suppose for simplicity that  $\dim W = 2$  (i.e.  $n = 1$ ), and fix a basis  $e, f$  of  $W$ . Then

$$\mathbb{W} = \underbrace{Re \otimes V}_X \oplus \underbrace{Rf \otimes V}_Y.$$

We take  $X = Re \otimes V \cong V$ , so we act on  $S(V)$ , the Schwartz function on  $V$ .

The action of  $G = O(V)$  is simple:  $gf(v) = f(g^{-1}v)$ . The action of  $G' = \mathrm{Sp}(W)$  is the more complicated one and is given by the Weil representation.

We summarize the *Howe philosophy*. The Weil representation is *small* when restricted to  $G \times G'$ . Consider the tensor product representation  $\pi \otimes \pi'$  of  $G \times G'$ , where  $\pi$  is a representation of  $G$  and  $\pi'$  is a representation of  $G'$ . Then each  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  should occur at most once in the Weil representation. This gives a one-to-one correspondence

$$\pi \text{ representation of } G \leftrightarrow \pi' \text{ representation of } G',$$

This is called the Howe conjecture (or Howe correspondence) and it is known in many (but not all) cases. As we will see later, this will give the theta correspondence.

**Examples 1.20.** All the examples are over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (1) Let  $n = 1$  and  $\dim V = 1$ . Then the dual pair is  $(O(1), \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})) = (\{\pm 1\}, \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ . Recall from Example 1.18 that  $S_0(\mathbb{R})$  consists of even functions ( $\{\pm 1\}$  acts trivially) and  $S_1(\mathbb{R})$  consists of odd functions ( $\{\pm 1\}$  acts by multiplication). The Weil representation of  $O(1) \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  hence breaks up into two pieces

$$S(\mathbb{R}) = S_0(\mathbb{R}) \oplus S_1(\mathbb{R}) = (\{1\} \otimes D_{\frac{1}{2}}) \oplus (\{\pm 1\} \otimes D_{\frac{3}{2}})$$

corresponding to the two representations of  $O(V) = \{\pm 1\}$ .

- (2) Let  $n = 1$  and  $\dim V = m$  and suppose  $V$  is positive-definite. The dual reductive pair is  $(O(m), \mathrm{SL}_2)$  and the group  $O(m) \times \mathrm{SL}_2$  acts on

$$S(\mathbb{R}^m) \cong S(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \cdots \otimes S(\mathbb{R})$$

via

$$\omega_m \cong \omega_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega_1.$$

To study the Howe correspondence in this case, we need to find representations of  $O(m)$ . We have the *spherical harmonic representations*: let  $\mathcal{H}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m)$  be the space of harmonic, homogeneous polynomial of degree  $\ell$  in  $m$  variables;  $O(m)$  acts on this irreducibly.

For example, for  $m = 2$ ,  $(x_1 + ix_2)^\ell \in \mathcal{H}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m)$  be the space of all homogeneous polynomials of degree  $\ell$ . The main theorem of spherical harmonics states that

$$\mathcal{P}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m) = \mathcal{H}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m) \oplus r^2 \mathcal{P}_{\ell-2}(\mathbb{R}^m)$$

where  $r^2 = x_1^2 + \cdots + x_m^2$ .

For  $p(x) \in \mathcal{H}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m)$ , we have that

- $\omega(H)[p(x)e^{-\pi(r^2)}] = \left(\frac{m}{2} + \ell\right) p(x)e^{-\pi(r^2)}$ ,
- $\omega(X_-)(p(x)e^{-\pi(r^2)}) = 0$ ,
- the application of  $X_+$  is never 0 and it raises the degree.

Note the similarity of this to Example 1.18. We then have a decomposition

$$S(\mathbb{R}^m) = \bigoplus_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m) e^{-\pi(x,x)} = \bigoplus_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_\ell(\mathbb{R}^m)}_{O(m) \text{ representation}} \otimes \underbrace{D_{\frac{m}{2}+\ell}}_{\mathrm{SL}_2 \text{ representation}}.$$

This is the Howe correspondence for the pair  $(O(m), \mathrm{SL}_2)$ .

- (3) The pair  $(O(p, w), \mathrm{SL}_2)$  is much harder. One may also consider  $(O(p, w), \mathrm{Sp}(2n))$ .

**Example 1.21.** Let us consider the last example more carefully in the case  $p = 2$ ,  $q = 1$ ,  $n = 1$ . Here,

$$O(2, 1) \cong \mathrm{PGL}_2 \approx \mathrm{SL}_2.$$

The dual pair becomes, very roughly,  $\mathrm{SL}_2 \times \mathrm{SL}_2$ . Then the Howe correspondence becomes the Shimura–Shintani correspondence

$$D_{2m} \otimes D_{m+\frac{1}{2}}$$

considered in the previous lecture series by Özlem Imamoglu and Árpád Toth<sup>1</sup>.

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1.4. **Theta series.** Let  $V$  be a quadratic space over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of signature  $(p, q)$ . Let  $\varphi \in S(V_{\mathbb{R}})$  be a function of  $H$ -weight  $k \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ . For  $\tau = u + iv$ , set

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x, \tau) &= v^{-\frac{k}{2}} \omega(g'_\tau) \varphi(x) && \text{where } g'_\tau i = \tau \\ &= v^{-\frac{k}{2} + \frac{m}{4}} \cdot \varphi(\sqrt{v}x) \cdot e^{\pi i(x, x)u}. \end{aligned}$$

Pick a(n even) lattice  $L \subseteq V$ ,  $L \subseteq L^\#$ ,  $h \in L^\# / L$ .

**Remark 1.22.** Then  $L \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p \subseteq V_p = V \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$  is a lattice. The characteristic function  $\varphi_p$  of  $L \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p + h$  in  $V_p$  is a *Schwartz-Bruhat* function, the correct analog of Schwartz function in the  $p$ -adic case.

We define the  $\theta$ -function as

$$\theta(\tau, \varphi, L, h) = \sum_{x \in L+h} \varphi(x, \tau).$$

By Poisson summation (and delicate arithmetic), this is a modular form of weight  $k$  for  $\Gamma(N)$ .

**Exercise 1.23.** Compute the action of  $X_+$  and  $X_-$  on  $\varphi(x, \tau)$ . It turns out that

$$\theta(x, \tau) \text{ is holomorphic in } \tau \text{ if and only if } \omega(X_-)\varphi = 0.$$

**Example 1.24.** Let  $V = \mathbb{Q}^m$  and consider  $p(x)e^{-\pi(x, x)}$  for a harmonic polynomial. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x, \tau) &= v^{-\left(\frac{m}{2} + \ell\right)/2 + \frac{m}{4}} p(\sqrt{v}x) \cdot e^{-\pi v(x, x)} e^{\pi i(x, x)u} \\ &= v^{-\frac{\ell}{2}} v^{\frac{\ell}{2}} p(x) e^{\pi i(x, x)\tau} \\ &= p(x) e^{\pi i(x, x)\tau} \end{aligned}$$

Then the  $\theta$  function associated to this  $\varphi$  indeed does look like a classical  $\theta$ -function.

We now consider  $V$  indefinite of signature  $(p, q)$ . The cases  $(1, 1)$  and  $(2, 1)$  are already interesting. Write

$$V = V_+ \oplus V_-$$

where  $V_+$  has dimension  $p$  and  $V_-$  has dimension  $q$ . This allows us to write  $x \in V$  as  $x_+ + x_-$ , and we may define

$$(x, x)_0 = (x_+, x_+) - (x_-, x_-)$$

which is now a positive-definite quadratic form. Consider

$$\varphi_0(x) = e^{-\pi(x, x)_0} \in S(V_{\mathbb{R}}).$$

This has weight  $\frac{p}{2} - \frac{q}{2}$ . Then corresponding theta series  $\theta(\tau, \varphi_0)$  is modular of weight  $\frac{p-q}{2}$ . However, it is non-holomorphic.

Consider  $\varphi$  of weight  $k$  (for  $\text{SL}_2$ ). For  $g \in O(V)$ , se

$$\varphi(x, \tau, g) = \varphi(g^{-1}x, \tau).$$

This gives the theta series  $\theta(\tau, g, \varphi, L, h) = \sum_{x \in L+h} \varphi(g^{-1}x, \tau)$ , which is still modular in  $\tau$  of weight  $k$  and left  $\Gamma$ -invariant where  $\Gamma = \text{Stab}_G(L + h)$ . Therefore, it gives a function on  $\Gamma \backslash G$ .

The idea is to use  $\theta(\tau, g, \varphi)$  as an integral kernel.

- (1) Take  $f \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$  rapidly decaying and consider

$$\int_{\Gamma \backslash G} f(g) \theta(\tau, g, \varphi) dg.$$

If convergent, this is a modular form of weight  $k$  for  $\tau$ .

- (2) Conversely, if  $f \in S_k(\Gamma(N))$ ,

$$\int_{\Gamma(N) \backslash \mathcal{H}} f(\tau) \overline{\theta(\tau, g, \varphi)} v^k \frac{du dv}{v^2}$$

is a function in  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$  which is also rapidly decaying.

Sometimes  $\varphi$  is in the  $g$ -variable on  $G = O(p, q)$  invariant under the maximal compact subgroup  $K = O(p) \times O(q) \subseteq O(p, q)$ . Then we may integrate over the double coset space

$$\Gamma \backslash G / K.$$

This is the analog of the symmetric space of the upper half plane:

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H} = \Gamma \backslash (\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) / \mathrm{SO}_2(\mathbb{R})).$$

For example,  $\varphi_0 = e^{-\pi(x,x)}$  is  $K$ -invariant.

**Example 1.25.** Consider  $O(2, 1) \approx \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then we will integrate over

$$\Gamma \backslash G / K = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H} \ni z.$$

We take  $f$  to be a Maass cusp form of weight 0 and form

$$\int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}} f(z) \cdot \theta(\tau, z, \varphi_0) d\mu(z).$$

This way, we get a lift from Maass cusp forms of weight 0 to the Maass cusp forms of weight  $\frac{1}{2}$ . This is exactly the Katok-Sarnak correspondence discussed in detail in the previous lecture series by Özlem Imamoglu and Árpád Toth<sup>2</sup>.

How does one compute the Fourier expansion of them?

The  $n$ th coefficient is the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}} f(z) \cdot \sum_{\substack{x \in L+h \\ (x,x)=2n}} \varphi_0(x, z, \tau) dz &= \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}} f(z) \sum_{\substack{x \in L+h \bmod \Gamma \\ (x,x)=2n}} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_x \backslash \Gamma} \varphi_0(\gamma^{-1}x, z, \tau) d\mu(z) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x \in L+h \bmod \Gamma \\ (x,x)=2n}} \int_{\Gamma_x \backslash \mathcal{H}} f(z) \varphi_0(x, z, \tau) d\mu(z). \end{aligned}$$

This integral is much more manageable. Katok and Sarnak used this method to compute these series expansions.

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## 2. LECTURE 2 (LASSINA DEMBÉLÉ)

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