

70. On an Explicit Construction of Siegel Modular Forms of Genus 2

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1. In this note, we shall present an explicit correspondence from a pair of elliptic modular forms to a Siegel modular form of genus 2, which “preserves” Euler products, by means of theta series.

We denote by H the Hamilton quaternion algebra. For a ring A , let A^\times denote the group of invertible elements of A . For a square matrix M , $\sigma(M)$ denotes the trace of M . For modular forms and Euler products associated with them, we shall use notation as is given in A. N. Andrianov [1] and G. Shimura [4].

2. Let D be a definite quaternion algebra over \mathbf{Q} whose discriminant is d^2 and R be a maximal order of D . Let D_A^\times denote the adelization of D^\times . For a prime l , we put $D_l = D \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}_l$ and $R_l = R \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}_l$ and let ι_l denote the canonical injection of D_l^\times into D_A^\times . Set $K = \prod_l R_l^\times \times H^\times$ and let $D_A^\times = \bigcup_{i=1}^H D^\times y_i K$ be a double coset decomposition of D_A^\times such that the reduced norm of y_i ($1 \leq i \leq H$) is $1 \in \mathbf{Q}_A^\times$. For $1 \leq i, j \leq H$, define a lattice L_{ij} of D by $L_{ij} = D \cap y_i \left(\prod_l R_l \right) y_j^{-1}$ and put $R_i = L_{ii}$, $e_i = |R_i^\times|$. Let N , Tr and $*$ stand for the reduced norm, the reduced trace and the main involution of D respectively. Let H_n be the Siegel upper half space of genus n . Set

$$(1) \quad \vartheta_{ij}(z) = \sum_{x \in L_{ij}} \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}N(x)z), \quad z \in H_1,$$

$$(2) \quad \tilde{\vartheta}_{ij}(z) = \sum_{(x,y) \in L_{ij} \oplus L_{ij}} \exp\left(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} N(x) & Tr(xy^*)/2 \\ Tr(xy^*)/2 & N(y) \end{pmatrix} z\right)\right),$$

$z \in H_2.$

Then ϑ_{ij} and $\tilde{\vartheta}_{ij}$ are Siegel modular forms of genera 1 and 2 respectively. The weight of them is 2 and the level of them is d . Let $S(R)$ denote the space of complex valued functions φ on D_A^\times which satisfy that $\varphi(\gamma g k) = \varphi(g)$ for any $\gamma \in D^\times$, $k \in K$, $g \in D_A^\times$. For a prime $l \nmid d$, fixing a splitting $D_l \cong M_2(\mathbf{Q}_l)$ such that R_l is mapped onto $M_2(\mathbf{Z}_l)$, we put

$$(Tr'(l)\varphi)(g) = \sum_{v=0}^{l-1} \varphi\left(g \cdot \iota_l \begin{pmatrix} l & v \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + \varphi\left(g \cdot \iota_l \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & l \end{pmatrix}\right).$$

For $\varphi, \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in S(R)$ and $1 \leq i \leq H$, set

$$(3) \quad f_i(\varphi) = \sum_{j=1}^H (\varphi(y_j)/e_j)\vartheta_{ij},$$

$$(4) \quad F(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \sum_{i=1}^H \sum_{j=1}^H (\varphi_1(y_i)\varphi_2(y_j)/e_i e_j) \bar{g}_{ij}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let $\varphi \in S(R)$ and l be a prime such that $l \nmid d$. If $T'(l)\varphi = \lambda\varphi$, we have $T(l)f_i(\varphi) = \lambda f_i(\varphi)$ for any $i, 1 \leq i \leq H$.*

Theorem 2. *Let $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in S(R)$ and l be an odd prime such that $l \nmid d$. If $T'(l)\varphi_i = \lambda_i \varphi_i, 1 \leq i \leq 2$, then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} T(l)F(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) &= (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)F(\varphi_1, \varphi_2), \\ T(l^2)F(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) &= (\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_2^2 - 2l - 1)F(\varphi_1, \varphi_2). \end{aligned}$$

A detailed proof of Theorem 2 is given in [5].

Remark 1. Suppose that φ, φ_1 and φ_2 are common eigenfunctions of $T'(l)$ for every $l \nmid d$. Then $f_i(\varphi)$ is a cusp form if φ is not a constant function. If d is a prime, $F(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ is a cusp form if φ_2 is not a constant multiple of φ_1 .

3. Hereafter, we shall assume that d is equal to a prime p and discuss in what condition F does not vanish. Every identity between Euler products shall mean the equality up to the 2 and p -factors. Let ϖ be a prime element of R_p and put $S^+(R) = \{\varphi \in S(R) \mid \varphi(g\iota_p(\varpi)) = \varphi(g), \forall g \in D_A^\times\}$, $S^-(R) = \{\varphi \in S(R) \mid \varphi(g\iota_p(\varpi)) = -\varphi(g), \forall g \in D_A^\times\}$. We can show easily that if $\varphi \in S^+(R)$, then $f_i(\varphi) \in G_2^\mp(\Gamma_0(p))$. Let $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_T$ (resp. $\varphi_{T+1}, \dots, \varphi_H$) be a basis of $S^+(R)$ (resp. $S^-(R)$) consisting of common eigenfunctions of $T'(l), l \neq p$. Here T is the type number of D . Note that the integral quadratic form $x \rightarrow N(x)$ on L_{ij} represents 1 if and only if $i=j$. Hence we have $F(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) \neq 0$, which is an Eisenstein series whose Euler product is $L(s, \varphi_i)^2$. If $\varphi_i \in S^+(R)$ and $\varphi_j \in S^-(R)$, we can show $F(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = 0$. However if $i, j \leq T$ or $i, j > T$, we can expect the nonvanishing of $F(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)$. At present, we can prove the followings.

Let K be an imaginary quadratic field of class number 1 such that $\left(\frac{K}{p}\right) = -1$. Then the maximal order \mathfrak{O} of K is embedded in a maximal order R_i of D .

Theorem 3. *Let the notation be as above. If $\varphi_i(y_i) \neq 0, \varphi_u(y_i) \neq 0$, we have $F(\varphi_i, \varphi_u) \neq 0$.*

Let K be an imaginary quadratic field of class number 2 such that $\left(\frac{K}{p}\right) = -1$. The maximal order \mathfrak{O} of K is embedded in some R_i . Let $j(\mathfrak{A}_1), j(\mathfrak{A}_2)$ be the singular invariants for two representatives $\mathfrak{A}_1, \mathfrak{A}_2$ of ideal classes of K . Let F be the real quadratic field generated over \mathbf{Q} by $j(\mathfrak{A}_1)$.

Theorem 4. *Let the notation be as above. We assume that $\left(\frac{F}{p}\right) = -1$ and that p does not divide $j(\mathfrak{A}_1) - j(\mathfrak{A}_2)$. For φ_t, φ_u such that $t, u \leq T$ or $t, u > T$, we have $F(\varphi_t, \varphi_u) \neq 0$ if $\varphi_t(y_i) \neq 0$ and $\varphi_u(y_i) \neq 0$.*

Proof. We shall prove Theorem 4. The proof of Theorem 3 is simpler. Since $\left(\frac{F}{p}\right) = -1$ and p does not divide $j(\mathfrak{Q}_1) - j(\mathfrak{Q}_2)$, by virtue of Deuring's results on supersingular moduli and a theorem of Chevalley-Hasse-Noether, \mathfrak{O} is embeddable in exactly two maximal orders R_i and R_j which have non-principal two sided ideals. Moreover R_i and R_j are conjugate. We take $s, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that the roots of $X^2 - sX + v = 0$ generate \mathfrak{O} over \mathbb{Z} . Let $\sum a(N) \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\sigma(Nz))$ be the Fourier expansion of $F(\varphi_v, \varphi_u)$. If $t, u \leq T$ or $t, u > T$, we see easily that $a\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & s/2 \\ s/2 & v \end{pmatrix}\right) = \varphi_t(y_t)\varphi_u(y_u) \cdot (\text{some positive integer})$. Therefore $F(\varphi_v, \varphi_u) \neq 0$ if $\varphi_t(y_t) \neq 0$ and $\varphi_u(y_u) \neq 0$.

Remark 2. For $\tau \in \text{Aut}(C)$ and $\varphi \in S^+(R)$, define $\varphi^\tau \in S^+(R)$ by $\varphi^\tau(g) = (\varphi(g))^\tau, g \in D_A^\times$. Then it is clear that $f_i(\varphi^\tau) = (f_i(\varphi))^\tau$. Using this fact and finding several suitable imaginary quadratic fields of class number 1 or 2 which satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3 or 4, we obtain the followings. For every $f \in G_2^-(\Gamma_0(p))$ (resp. $f \in G_2^+(\Gamma_0(p))$) and $\tau \in \text{Aut}(C)$, where f is a common eigenfunction of Hecke operators, there exist non-zero Siegel modular forms F_1 and F_2 (resp. F) such that $L(s, F_1) = L(s, f)L(s, f^\tau), L(s, F_2) = \zeta(s)\zeta(s-1)L(s, f)$ (resp. $L(s, F) = L(s, f)L(s, f^\tau)$), if $p \leq 103$. Here ζ denotes the Riemann zeta function. If $p = 31$ for example, we can obtain a Siegel modular form whose Euler product is equal to the one dimensional part of the Hasse-Weil zeta function of certain simple 2-dimensional abelian variety (cf. [4, Theorem 7.15]).

Remark 3. Put $I_i = |\{t | \varphi_t(y_t) \neq 0\}|$. We can show $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \langle \vartheta_{i,j} | 1 \leq j \leq H \rangle = I_i$ for every $1 \leq i \leq H$. Hence $I_i \geq 2$ if $H \geq 2$ for every i . A. Pizer [3] found for many p that $I_i = H$ if R_i has a non-principal two sided ideals and that $I_i = T$ if R_i does not. The importance of this conjecture is now obvious.

4. For the higher weight case, we can also construct (by a similar formula to (4)) a Siegel modular form F (of genus 2) of weight k from a pair (f_1, f_2) of elliptic modular forms such that the Euler product $L(s, F)$ is equal to $L(s - k + 2, f_1)L(s, f_2)$, where $f_1 \in G_2(\Gamma_0(p)), f_2 \in S_{2k-2}^{\text{new}}(\Gamma_0(p))$ and k is even. In our construction, some explicit choices of spherical functions of nice behavior are crucial. Here we content ourselves by giving an example for the case $p = 3, k = 4$. Set

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/2 \\ 3/2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_1(z) &= \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}^4} P_1(x,y)^2 \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\sigma(Q(x,y)z)), \\ \Theta_2(z) &= \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}^4} P_2(x,y)^2 \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}\sigma(Q(x,y)z)), \quad z \in H_2.\end{aligned}$$

Here we put $x=(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$, $y=(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$, $P_1(x,y)=(x_1y_2 - y_1x_2 + x_1y_4 - y_1x_4 - x_2y_3 + y_2x_3)$, $P_2(x,y)=(x_1y_3 - y_1x_3 + x_2y_4 - y_2x_4)$ and $Q(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} {}^t x S x & {}^t x S y \\ {}^t x S y & {}^t y S y \end{pmatrix}$. Then we can prove, for the cusp form $F = \Theta_1 - \Theta_2$, that $L(s, F) = \zeta(s-2)\zeta(s-3)L(s, f)$ holds, where f is the primitive cusp form of $S_6(\Gamma_0(3))$. Thus our results seem to “explain” some conjectural examples given in N. Kurokawa [2]. Finally we note that it is also possible to obtain similar results for Hilbert modular forms over real quadratic fields of weight $(2, 2k-2)$.

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