

30. On Eisenstein Series of Degree Two

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Introduction. We report arithmetical results on Eisenstein series of degree two. There exist two types of Eisenstein series of degree two. The first is the original Eisenstein series studied by Siegel [14] [15] and Maass [9] [10]. The second is the Eisenstein series attached to an elliptic cusp form constructed by Langlands [8] and Klingen [2]. We describe properties of Eisenstein series of degree two concerning the action of Hecke operators and the Fourier coefficients in a unified form. These results were motivated by [4] where certain arithmetical properties of Eisenstein series of degree two (of two types) were examined in connection with congruences between Siegel modular forms.

§ 1. Eisenstein series of degree two. We denote by $M_k(\Gamma_n)$ (resp. $S_k(\Gamma_n)$) the vector space over the complex number field \mathbb{C} consisting of all Siegel modular (resp. cusp) forms of degree n and weight k for integers $n \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$. We understand that $M_k(\Gamma_0) = S_k(\Gamma_0) = \mathbb{C}$ as usual. The space of Eisenstein series is denoted by $E_k(\Gamma_n)$ which is the orthogonal complement of $S_k(\Gamma_n)$ in $M_k(\Gamma_n)$ with respect to the Petersson inner product. Each modular form f in $M_k(\Gamma_n)$ has the Fourier expansion of the following form: $f = \sum_{T \geq 0} a(T, f)q^T$ with $q^T = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1} \cdot \text{trace}(TZ))$ where Z is a variable on the Siegel upper half space of degree n and T runs over all $n \times n$ symmetric semi-integral positive semi-definite matrices. For a subring R of \mathbb{C} we put $M_k(\Gamma_n)_R = \{f \in M_k(\Gamma_n) \mid a(T, f) \in R \text{ for all } T \geq 0\}$ (an R -module). We denote by $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ the group of all field-automorphisms of \mathbb{C} . For $n \geq 0$ and even $k \geq 0$, each $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ acts on $f = \sum_{T \geq 0} a(T, f)q^T \in M_k(\Gamma_n)$ by $\sigma(f) = \sum_{T \geq 0} \sigma(a(T, f))q^T \in M_k(\Gamma_n)$. We say that a modular form f in $M_k(\Gamma_n)$ is eigen if f is a non-zero eigenfunction of all Hecke operators on $M_k(\Gamma_n)$. We say that an eigen modular form f in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ is normalized if $a(1, f) = 1$. In this case we put $\mathbf{Q}(f) = \mathbf{Q}(\{a(n, f) \mid n \geq 1\})$ and $\mathbf{Z}(f) = \mathbf{Q}(f) \cap \bar{\mathbf{Z}}$, where \mathbf{Q} is the rational number field, \mathbf{Z} is the rational integer ring, and $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}$ is the ring of all algebraic integers in \mathbb{C} . Note that $a(n, f)$ is the eigenvalue of the usual Hecke operator $T(n)$ for $f: T(n)f = a(n, f)f$. Then $\mathbf{Q}(f)$ is a totally real finite extension of \mathbf{Q} , and $\mathbf{Z}(f)$ is the integer ring of $\mathbf{Q}(f)$.

In this paper we restrict our attention to the space $E_k(\Gamma_2)$ of Eisenstein series of degree two. Hereafter in this section, k is an

even integer ≥ 4 . The space $E_k(\Gamma_2)$ is constructed from $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ as follows. For each modular form f in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ we put $[f] = E_{2,0}^k(*, \Phi f)$ (resp. $E_{2,1}^k(*, f)$) if $\Phi f \neq 0$ (resp. $\Phi f = 0$). Here $E_{2,r}^k$ ($r=0, 1$) is the Eisenstein series defined in Klingen [2], and $\Phi: M_k(\Gamma_n) \rightarrow M_k(\Gamma_{n-1})$ is the Siegel operator. Then $[\]: M_k(\Gamma_1) \rightarrow M_k(\Gamma_2)$ is a C -linear injection satisfying $\Phi([f]) = f$ for all $f \in M_k(\Gamma_1)$, and we have $E_k(\Gamma_2) = [M_k(\Gamma_1)]$.

The following two theorems are proved in [6] in a generalized form.

Theorem 1. *Let f be an eigen modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ for even $k \geq 4$. Then:*

- (1) $[f]$ is an eigen modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_2)$.
- (2) Let F be an eigen modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_2)$ satisfying $\Phi(F) = f$. Then $F = [f]$.

Theorem 2. *Let f be a modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ for even $k \geq 4$. Then:*

- (1) For each $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(C)$ we have $\sigma([f]) = [\sigma(f)]$.
- (2) Assume that $f \in M_k(\Gamma_1)_K$ for a subfield K of C . Then $[f] \in M_k(\Gamma_2)_K$.
- (3) Assume that f is a normalized eigen modular form. Then there exists a non-zero constant $\gamma \in Z(f)$ such that $\gamma[f] \in M_k(\Gamma_2)_{Z(f)}$. In particular, $[f] \in M_k(\Gamma_2)_{Q(f)}$.

Remark 1. Let f be a normalized eigen modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ such that $\Phi(f) \neq 0$. Then we have $f = G_k = -B_k/2k + \sum_{n \geq 1} \sigma_{k-1}(n)q^n$, $Q(f) = Q$, $Z(f) = Z$, and $[f] = -(B_k/2k)\varphi_k$, where B_k is the k -th Bernoulli number, $\sigma_{k-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^{k-1}$, and φ_k is the original Eisenstein series of degree two constructed by Siegel [14]. In this case, Theorem 2(3) is contained in much more precise results obtained by Siegel [14] [15] and Maass [9] [10].

Remark 2. Let f be a normalized eigen cusp form in $S_k(\Gamma_1)$. Then two examples of Theorem 2(3) are treated in [4]: we have $\gamma = 71^2 11$ (resp. 7) for $f = A_{20}$ (resp. A_{12}) as the "minimal" γ . Moreover [4] suggests that γ can be taken as a factor of the "numerator" of $L_2^*(2k-2, f)$.

§ 2. An explicit formula of Fourier coefficients. Let f be a normalized eigen modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ for even $k \geq 4$. We present an explicit formula of the Fourier coefficient $a(T, [f])$ in a special case where $T > 0$ satisfies the following condition: $-|2T|$ is a fundamental discriminant (i.e., $-|2T|$ is equal to the discriminant of the quadratic field $Q(\sqrt{-|2T|})$) where $|2T| = \det(2T)$. We use the following notations. Let $L_2(s, f) = \zeta(2s-2k+2) \sum_{n \geq 1} a(n^2, f)n^{-s}$ be the second L -function attached to f , $\vartheta_T = \sum_{n \geq 0} b(n, T)q^n$ the ϑ -function attached to T where $b(n, T) = \#\left\{ (x, y) \in Z^2 \mid (x \ y)T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = n \right\}$ ($\#$ denoting the cardinality),

$D(s, f, \mathcal{D}_T) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a(n, f)b(n, T)n^{-s}$, $\chi_{-|2T|} = (-|2T|/*)$ the Dirichlet character associated with $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-|2T|})$ (the Kronecker symbol or the generalized Legendre symbol), and $L(s, \chi_{-|2T|})$ the Dirichlet L -function. Here each L -function (Dirichlet series) is considered as a meromorphic function on \mathbf{C} by the analytic continuation.

The proof of the following theorem appears in [12].

Theorem 3. *Let the notations be as above. Then we have :*

$$a(T, [f]) = (-1)^{k/2} \frac{(k-1)!}{(2k-2)!} (2\pi)^{k-1} |2T|^{k-(3/2)} \frac{L(k-1, \chi_{-|2T|})D(k-1, f, \mathcal{D}_T)}{L_2(2k-2, f)}.$$

Remark 3. For $f = G_k$ as in Remark 1, Theorem 3 coincides with the explicit formula obtained by Maass [9].

Remark 4. The appearance of $L_2(2k-2, f)$ in the “denominator” was suggested by [4], cf. Remark 2 in § 1.

Remark 5. The other Fourier coefficients are also expressed by the eigenvalues of Hecke operators and L -functions.

§ 3. Applications. We have applications in two directions : (I) degree 2 \Rightarrow degree 1, (II) degree 1 \Rightarrow degree 2. Let f be a normalized eigen modular form in $M_k(\Gamma_1)$ for an even integer $k \geq 4$, and we assume that $T > 0$ satisfies the condition in § 2. We put $A(T, f) = D(k-1, f, \mathcal{D}_T)\pi^{2k-2}/L_2(2k-2, f)$. We note applications related to $A(T, f)$.

(I) $[f] \Rightarrow f$: By Theorems 2 and 3 we have $\sigma(A(T, f)) = A(T, \sigma(f))$ for each $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{C})$. In particular $A(T, f) \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$. We note that this gives a new proof for the algebraicity of a quotient of special values of L -functions. Moreover we have the value $A(T, f)$ by calculating the value $a(T, [f])$ as in [3] [4] (e.g., Remark 2 of [4]) where the method of Maass [11] is effective. So, for example, if we have the value $L_2(2k-2, f)$ as in [4], which is obtained by the method of Zagier [17], we have the values $D(k-1, f, \mathcal{D}_T)$ for various T .

(II) $f \Rightarrow [f]$: By combining the results of Shimura [13], Sturm [16], and Zagier [17], we have $\sigma(A(T, f)) = A(T, \sigma(f))$ for each $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{C})$. Hence, by Theorem 3, we have $\sigma(a(T, [f])) = a(T, [\sigma(f)])$. In particular, $a(T, [f]) \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$. This is a result contained in Theorem 2. There are further possible applications in this direction in connection with the congruences between Siegel modular forms, where the explicit determination of the “minimal” γ appearing in Theorem 2(3) is crucial ; see [4] and Remark 2 in § 1.

The above situation is considered as a special case of the following situation. Let G and H be reductive groups over a number field. Let $M(G)$ (resp. $M(H)$) be a suitable space of modular forms on G (resp. H), and assume that there exist two maps

$$L : M(H) \xrightarrow{\quad} M(G) : R$$

such that $R \circ L = I$ is the identity map on $M(H)$ (so L is injective). (In

some cases, the left map L is the “lifting” and the right map R is the “reduction”.) Then we may expect implications in two directions: (I) $M(G) \Rightarrow M(H)$, (II) $M(H) \Rightarrow M(G)$.

We note two examples in the case of Siegel modular forms.

(A) (Eisenstein series) $G = Sp(n)$ and $H = Sp(r)$ for $n \geq r \geq 0$. (Here we follow the classical notation. In another notation, $G = CSp(2n)$ and $H = CSp(2r)$.) We put $M(G) = M_k(\Gamma_n)$ and $M(H) = M_k(\Gamma_r)$ for an even integer $k > n + r + 1$. We put $R = \Phi^{n-r}$ and $L = []^{(n-r)}$ in the notation of [6]. Then $R \circ L = I$ on $M(H)$. The case treated in this paper is $G = Sp(2)$ and $H = Sp(1)$ (containing $k = 4$). The “uniformity” of the results in this paper seems to be suggestive for the general case (cf. [6] and [6–II]).

(B) $G = Sp(2)$ and $H = Sp(1)$. We put $M(G) = M_k(\Gamma_2)$ and $M(H) = M_{2k-2}(\Gamma_1)$ for an even integer $k \geq 4$. For the maps we refer to [3] and [4–II].

The Eisenstein series are constructed by Langlands [8] for general reductive groups. In Langlands [7, § 6] we see many examples analogous to (A) with applications of type (I) (the meromorphy of Eisenstein series \Rightarrow the meromorphy of L -functions). Some results seem to suggest the following problem for general “lifting” $L: M(H) \rightarrow M(G)$ over reductive groups containing the map given by the Eisenstein series: *to express the Fourier coefficients of $L(f)$ by using (a system of) L -functions attached to $f \in M(H)$* . When this problem is solved affirmatively, we may expect applications of two types (I) and (II) as above. The general conjectures described by Deligne [1] concerning the special values of L -functions would suggest applications of type (II). (For example, we would have interpretations of congruences between modular forms, as noted in the end of [4].)

We note a few numerical examples. We use the notations of [3] [4]. We put $a^*(T) = (7/23)a(T, [A_{12}])/w(T)$, where A_{12} denotes the normalized eigen cusp form in $S_{12}(\Gamma_1)$ and $w(T)$ denotes the number of roots of unity in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-|2T|})$. We have the values of $a^*(T)$ in Table I by using the expression of $[A_{12}]$ noted in the proof of Theorem 3 of [4] as in [3].

Table I

n	T_n	$a^*(T_n)$
1	(1, 1, 1)	2/3
2	(1, 1, 0)	3 ³ /2
3	(1, 4, 1)	2 ⁴ 3 · 23 · 13171
4	(2, 2, 1)	-2 ⁴ 3 · 5 · 1327
5	(1, 5, 0)	2 ² 3 ⁴ 5 ² 36821
6	(2, 3, 2)	-2 ² 3 ⁴ 8179

Table II

D	$L^*(D)$
1	2 · 3 ² 5/691
-3	2 ⁷ 3 · 5 · 7
-4	2 ⁶ 3 ² 5 · 7
-15	2 ¹¹ 3 ⁷ 5 · 7 · 31 · 59
-20	2 ⁹ 3 ² 5 · 7 · 37 · 12329
5	2 ¹⁰ 3 ⁴ 5 · 7

We put $L(1)=L(11, A_{12})=\sum_{n \geq 1} a(n, A_{12})n^{-11}$ and $L(D)=L(11, A_{12}, (D/*))=\sum_{n \geq 1} (D/n)a(n, A_{12})n^{-11}$ when $D \in \mathbf{Z}$ is equal to the discriminant of the quadratic field $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{D})$. Then Theorem 3 gives the following correspondences between the Fourier coefficients and the L -functions appearing in the "numerators".

$a(T_1)$	$a(T_2)$	$a(T_3)+a(T_4)$	$a(T_3)-a(T_4)$	$a(T_5)+a(T_6)$	$a(T_5)-a(T_6)$
$L(1)L(-3)$	$L(1)L(-4)$	$L(1)L(-15)$	$L(-3)L(5)$	$L(1)L(-20)$	$L(-4)L(5)$

We put $L^*(D)=(2\pi)^{-11} \cdot 10! \cdot |D|^{11} \cdot L(D)/(\sqrt{|D|} \cdot C_{\text{sign}(-D)})$ where C_+ and C_- are the "periods" of A_{12} as in Zagier [17, p. 119] ($C_+=0.0463 \dots$, $C_-=0.0457 \dots$) prescribed by Deligne [1]. Then we have the values of $L^*(D)$ in Table II. We note that the following equality is considered as a self-consistency:

$$a^*(T_1)/a^*(T_2)=(a^*(T_3)-a^*(T_4))/(a^*(T_5)-a^*(T_6)).$$

Both sides are equal to $L^*(-3)/L^*(-4)=2^2/3^4$. Note: $a^*(T_3)-a^*(T_4)=2^{10}3 \cdot 7 \cdot 691$, $a^*(T_5)-a^*(T_6)=2^83^57 \cdot 691$; $a^*(T_3)+a^*(T_4)=2^83^531 \cdot 59$, $a^*(T_5)+a^*(T_6)=2^83^437 \cdot 12329$.

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