

## HECKE EIGENFORMS AND REPRESENTATION NUMBERS OF QUADRATIC FORMS

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Using the theory of modular forms and Hecke operators, we obtain arithmetic relations on average representation numbers of positive definite quadratic forms in an even number of variables.

**1. Introduction.** When looking for multiplicative relations satisfied by representation numbers of quadratic forms, it is natural to study the effect of the Hecke operators on theta series attached to quadratic forms; in this paper we use such theta series to construct Hecke eigenforms and thereby obtain relations on weighted averages of representation numbers of quadratic forms.

When working over the rationals we obtain the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}(\text{gen } L, mm') &= \lambda'(m)\mathbf{r}(\text{gen } L', m') \\ &\quad - \sum_{\substack{a|(m, m') \\ a > 1}} \chi_L(a)a^{k-1}\mathbf{r}\left(\text{gen } L, \frac{mm'}{a^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $L$  is an even rank lattice equipped with a positive definite quadratic form,  $\mathbf{r}(\text{gen } L, n)$  is the average number of times the lattices in the genus of  $L$  represent  $n$ ,  $\lambda'(m)$  is an easily computed constant,  $\chi_L$  is a quadratic character associated to  $L$ , and  $L'$  is a particular sublattice of  $L$  scaled by  $1/m$  (see Theorem 3.9).

We assume herein that we are working with a totally positive quadratic form  $Q$  on vector space  $\mathbf{V}$  of even dimension  $2k$  over a totally real number field  $\mathbf{K}$ ; for a lattice  $L$  on  $\mathbf{V}$  we define the theta series attached to  $L$  to be the Hilbert modular form

$$\theta(L, \tau) = \sum_{x \in L} e^{\pi i \text{Tr}(Q(x)\tau)}.$$

We observe that there is a family of lattices related to  $L$  which is partitioned into “nuclear families” such that the Hecke operators essentially permute the weighted averages of theta series attached to lattices within a nuclear family. Analyzing these permutations allows us to construct Hecke eigenforms, and analyzing the behavior of these

eigenforms allows us to infer relations on the weighted averages of representation numbers of lattices within a nuclear family (as described above for  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q}$ ).

Note that when the character associated to the lattice  $L$  is nontrivial, the eigenforms we construct are only eigenforms for the subalgebra of the Hecke algebra which is known to map theta series to linear combinations of theta series with the same weight, level, and character.

**2. Definitions.** Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a totally real number field of degree  $n$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$ ; let  $\mathcal{O}$  denotes its ring of integers and  $\partial$  its different. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be an integral ideal,  $\mathcal{F}$  a fractional ideal,  $k \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ , and  $\chi_{\mathcal{N}}$  a numerical character modulo  $\mathcal{N}$ ; we let

$$\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O} & \mathcal{F}^{-1}\partial^{-1} \\ \mathcal{N}\mathcal{F}\partial & \mathcal{O} \end{pmatrix} : ad - bc \in \mathcal{O}^\times, \right. \\ \left. ad - bc \gg 0 \right\}$$

and we let  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$  denote the space of Hilbert modular forms of (uniform) weight  $k$  and character  $\chi_{\mathcal{N}}$  for the group  $\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F})$ .

As defined in [8] (see also (2.21) of [4]), we have Hecke operators

$$T(\mathcal{P}) : \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}\mathcal{P}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$$

where  $\mathcal{P}$  is a prime not dividing  $2\mathcal{N}$ ; we also have operators

$$S(\mathcal{Q}) : \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}\mathcal{Q}^2), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is any fractional ideal relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$  (i.e.  $\text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{Q} \cdot \text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}} 2\mathcal{N} = 0$  for all finite primes  $\mathcal{P}$ ). The collection of these operators  $T(\mathcal{P})$  and  $S(\mathcal{Q})$  generate a commutative algebra  $\mathcal{T}$  which we call the Hecke algebra. Since the mapping from  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$  onto  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \alpha\mathcal{F}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$  defined by  $f \mapsto f|(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix})$  (where  $\alpha \gg 0$ ) is an isomorphism which commutes with the operators of  $\mathcal{T}$ , we set

$$\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi_{\mathcal{N}}) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$$

where the sum runs over a complete set of strict ideal class representatives  $\mathcal{F}$ , and we consider  $\mathcal{T}$  as an algebra of operators on  $\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$ . (Notice that  $f|(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}) = f|(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha' & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix})$  whenever  $\alpha \gg 0$ ,  $\alpha' \gg 0$  and  $\alpha\mathcal{F} = \alpha'\mathcal{F}$ .) We let  $\mathcal{T}_0$  be the subalgebra of  $\mathcal{T}$  which acts on each component space  $\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$ ; thus  $\mathcal{T}_0$  is generated

as a vector space by all operators of the form  $T(\mathcal{M}_1) \cdots T(\mathcal{M}_s)S(\mathcal{I})$  where  $\mathcal{I}$  is a fractional ideal relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$ , the  $\mathcal{M}_i$  are integral ideals (not necessarily distinct) and  $\alpha\mathcal{M}_1 \cdots \mathcal{M}_s \mathcal{I}^2 = \mathcal{O}$  for some  $\alpha \gg 0$ . As shown in Theorem 3.1 of [8], a  $\mathcal{T}_0$ -eigenform  $f \in \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{I}), \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$  can be lifted to several linearly independent  $\mathcal{T}$ -eigenforms  $F \in \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi_{\mathcal{N}})$ .

REMARK. The Hecke operators  $T(\mathcal{P})$  defined here differ slightly from those defined in [2] and in [7]; letting  $T'(\mathcal{P})$  denote the latter operator, we have (up to identification of isomorphic spaces via the map  $f \mapsto f|(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix})$ )

$$N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k/2}T(\mathcal{P})S(\mathcal{P}^{-1}) = T'(\mathcal{P}).$$

We also have  $S(\mathcal{P}^{-1}) = V(\mathcal{P})$  where  $V(\mathcal{P})$  is the operator defined in [2] and [7].

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a quadratic space of dimension  $2k$  over  $\mathbf{K}$  with  $Q$  a totally positive quadratic form and associated bilinear form  $B$  such that  $B(x, x) = Q(x)$ . For  $L$  a lattice on  $\mathbf{V}$  we define the theta series attached to  $L$  by

$$\theta(L, \tau) = \sum_{x \in L} e^{\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(Q(x)\tau)}$$

where  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}^n$  (and  $\mathcal{H}$  denotes the complex upper half-plane). As shown in [7] (see also [2]),  $\theta(L, \tau)$  is a modular form of (uniform) weight  $k$  with quadratic character  $\chi_L$  for the group

$$\Gamma_0^1(\mathcal{S}(L), \mathbf{n}L) = \{A \in \Gamma_0(\mathcal{S}(L), \mathbf{n}L) : \det A = 1\}$$

where  $\mathbf{n}L$ , the norm of  $L$ , is the fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$  generated by  $\frac{1}{2}Q(L)$ , and  $\mathcal{S}(L)$ , the level or Stufe of  $L$ , is the product of  $(\mathbf{n}L)^{-1}(\mathbf{n}L^\#)^{-1}$  and perhaps some dyadic primes (see [7]). Here  $L^\#$  denotes the dual of  $L$ ; note that  $\mathcal{S}(L)$  is an integral ideal and  $\chi_L$  is a quadratic character modulo  $\mathcal{S}(L)$ . Also note that a nondyadic prime  $\mathcal{P}$  divides  $\mathcal{S}(L)$  if and only if  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is not modular (as defined in [3]). (N.B.: the norm  $\mathbf{n}L$  defined here is not the same as the norm defined in [3].)

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a prime not dividing  $2\mathcal{S}(L)$ ; as shown in [7], when  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic we can realize  $\theta(L, \tau)|T(\mathcal{P})$  as a linear combination of theta series attached to  $\mathcal{P}$ -sublattices of  $L$ , when  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is not hyperbolic we can realize  $\theta(L, \tau)|T(\mathcal{P})^2$  as a linear combination of  $\theta(\mathcal{P}L, \tau)$  and theta series attached to  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattices of  $L$ , and  $\theta(L, \tau)|S(\mathcal{P})$  is a constant multiple of  $\theta(\mathcal{P}L, \tau)$ . (A sublattice  $L'$  of  $L$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -sublattice of  $L$  if  $\mathcal{P}L \subset L' \subset L$  and

$L'/\mathcal{P}L$  is a maximal totally isotropic subspace of  $L/\mathcal{P}L$ ; a  $\mathcal{P}$ -sublattice  $L''$  of a  $\mathcal{P}$ -sublattice  $L'$  of  $L$  is a  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattice of  $L$  if  $\dim L''/(L'' \cap \mathcal{P}L) = \dim L'/\mathcal{P}L$ .) Thus the subspace of  $\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{S}(L), \chi_L)$  generated by forms whose components are theta series is invariant under the action of the subalgebra  $\mathcal{T}^L$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  where  $\mathcal{T}^L$  is generated as an algebra by all operators  $S(\mathcal{S}), T(\mathcal{P}^2)$ , and by  $T(\mathcal{P})$  when  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic. Thus the subspace of  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{S}(L), \mathbf{n}(L)), \chi_L) \subseteq \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0^1(\mathcal{S}(L), \mathbf{n}(L)), \chi_L)$  spanned by theta series is invariant under the subalgebra  $\mathcal{T}_0^L = \mathcal{T}^L \cap \mathcal{T}_0$ .

**3. Constructing the eigenforms.** From now on we set  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{S}(L)$  and we require that for all dyadic primes  $\mathcal{P}$ , the localization  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is an even unimodular lattice. As remarked in [8],  $\chi_L = 1$  if and only if  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic for all primes  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ . The space  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic if and only if  $(-1)^k \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}} = \pi^2 \varepsilon$  where  $\pi$  is some nonzero element of  $\mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{P}}$  and  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$  such that  $\varepsilon$  is a square modulo  $\mathcal{P}$  (and  $\text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}}$  denotes the discriminant of  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$ ); since  $\text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}} = \text{disc } \mathbf{V}$  (in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}$ ) for all primes  $\mathcal{P}$  and by 65:19 of [3]  $\text{disc } \mathbf{V}$  is a square at an infinite number of primes,  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic for an infinite number of primes  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**DEFINITION.** A lattice  $K$  is in the family of  $L$ , denoted  $\text{fam } L$ , if  $K$  is a lattice on  $\mathbf{V}^{\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha \gg 0$ ,  $\alpha$  relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$ , and for every prime  $\mathcal{P}$  there exist some  $u_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$  such that  $K_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq L_{\mathcal{P}}$  (where  $\simeq$  denotes isometry; here  $\mathbf{V}^{\alpha}$  denotes the quadratic space  $\mathbf{V}$  scaled by  $\alpha$  and  $K_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}}$  denotes the lattice  $K_{\mathcal{P}}$  scaled by  $u_{\mathcal{P}}$ ). We say  $K \in \text{fam } L$  is in the nuclear family of  $L$ , denoted  $\text{fam}^+ L$ , if there exists some  $u \in \mathcal{O}^{\times}$  such that  $K^u$  is in the genus of  $L$ .

**REMARK.** In the case that  $\chi_L = 1$ , the requirement that  $\alpha$  be relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$  is superfluous: For any  $\beta \gg 0$ , we can find some  $\alpha \gg 0$  such that  $\alpha$  is relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$  and the Hilbert symbols  $(\alpha, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}}$  and  $(\beta, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}}$  are equal at all primes  $\mathcal{P}$  dividing  $2\mathcal{N}$  (see §63B of [3]). (Note that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is nondyadic then specifying the square class of  $\beta$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}$  allows us to control  $(\beta, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}}$ ; if  $\mathcal{P}$  is dyadic then, by the Local Square Theorem, taking  $\beta \equiv \alpha \pmod{4\mathcal{P}}$  we get  $\beta = \alpha w^2$  for some  $w \in 1 + 2\mathcal{P}$  and hence  $(\beta, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}} = (\alpha, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}}$ .) For  $\mathcal{P}$  a prime not dividing  $2\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\text{disc } V_{\mathcal{P}} = \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}}$ , and since  $\chi_L = 1$ , §3 of [7] shows that  $(-1)^k \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is a square. Thus for every prime  $\mathcal{P}$  we have  $(\alpha, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}} = (\beta, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}}$ , so by 66:5 of [3] we have  $V^{\alpha} \simeq V^{\beta}$ .

It was remarked in [8] that the number of isometry classes in fam  $L$  is finite when  $\chi_L = 1$ ; we now prove

LEMMA 3.1. *The number of nuclear families in fam  $L$  is  $2^r$  where  $r \in \mathbf{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* As shown in [7],  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is modular at all primes  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ , so it follows from 92:1a of [3] that  $L_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq L_{\mathcal{P}}$  for all  $u_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$ . In fact, for  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2$  and  $u_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$ , we must have  $L_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq L_{\mathcal{P}}$  unless  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  has an odd rank Jordan component and  $(u_{\mathcal{P}}|\mathcal{P}) = -1$  (see 92:2 of [3]). For  $\mathcal{P}|2$  and  $u_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$ , the norm group of  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is equal to the norm group of  $L_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}}$  (since  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is even unimodular), so by 93:16 of [3],  $L_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq L_{\mathcal{P}}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{P}}$ , and by §63 of [3],  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{P}}$  if and only if the Hilbert symbol  $(u_{\mathcal{P}}, (-1)^k \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}})_{\mathcal{P}} = (u_{\mathcal{P}}, (-1)^k \text{disc } \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{P}})_{\mathcal{P}} = 1$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{P}$  to be a “bad” prime for  $L$  if  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2$  and  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  has an odd rank Jordan component, or if  $\mathcal{P}|2$  and there exists some  $u_{\mathcal{P}} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$  such that  $(u_{\mathcal{P}}, (-1)^k \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}})_{\mathcal{P}} = -1$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_t$  denote the “bad” primes for  $L$ . Thus there are at most  $2^t$  genera in fam  $L$ . We associate to  $K \in \text{fam } L$  the vector  $((u_1 : \mathcal{Q}_1), \dots, (u_t : \mathcal{Q}_t))$  where  $K_{\mathcal{Q}_i}^{u_i} \simeq L_{\mathcal{Q}_i}$  and  $(* : \mathcal{Q})$  is the Legendre symbol if  $\mathcal{Q} \nmid 2$ , and  $(* : \mathcal{Q})$  is the Hilbert symbol  $(*, (-1)^k \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{Q}})_{\mathcal{Q}}$  if  $\mathcal{Q}|2$ ; thus each genus within fam  $L$  is associated to one such vector. We claim that these vectors associated to the genera in fam  $L$  form a multiplicative subgroup of  $\{\pm 1\}^t$ . Since gen  $L$  is associated to  $(1, \dots, 1)$  and each vector has order 1 or 2, we only need to verify that the set is closed. Take  $J, K \in \text{fam } L$ . Thus  $K$  is on  $V^{\alpha}$  where  $\alpha \gg 0$ ,  $\alpha$  is relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$ , and gen  $K$  is associated to the vector  $((\alpha : \mathcal{Q}_1), \dots, (\alpha : \mathcal{Q}_t))$ . For any prime  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ , we have  $K_{\mathcal{P}} \simeq K_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq L_{\mathcal{P}}$ , so  $V_{\mathcal{P}}^{u_{\mathcal{P}}} \simeq V_{\mathcal{P}}$ . From §63 of [3], we see this means

$$1 = (\alpha, (-1)^k \text{disc } V)_{\mathcal{P}} = (\alpha, (-1)^k \text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}})_{\mathcal{P}}.$$

Since  $L_{\mathcal{P}}$  is modular and of even rank,  $\text{disc } L_{\mathcal{P}} = \beta^2 \varepsilon$  for some  $\beta \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{P}}$  and  $\varepsilon \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^{\times}$ . If  $\text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}} \alpha$  is odd, then  $(-1)^k \varepsilon$  must be a square, which implies that  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic (see §3 of [7]). Thus we have  $\alpha \mathcal{P}_1 \dots \mathcal{P}_s \mathcal{I}^2 = \mathcal{O}$  where the  $\mathcal{P}_i$  are primes not dividing  $2\mathcal{N}$  such that  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  (and hence  $J/\mathcal{P}J$ ) is hyperbolic, and  $\mathcal{I}$  is some fractional ideal. Let  $J_0 = J$ , and let  $J_i$  be a  $\mathcal{P}_i$ -sublattice of  $J_{i-1}$ . Then  $\mathcal{I} J_k^{\alpha}$  must be in fam  $L$ , and for any “bad” prime  $\mathcal{Q}$ ,  $(\mathcal{I} J_k^{\alpha})_{\mathcal{Q}} = J_{\mathcal{Q}}^{\alpha}$ . Thus if gen  $J$  is associated to the vector  $(u_1, \dots, u_t)$ ,

the genus  $\text{gen}(\mathcal{S} J_k^\alpha)$  is associated to the vector  $(u_1(\alpha : \mathcal{Q}_1), \dots, u_t(\alpha : \mathcal{Q}_t))$ . Thus the set of vectors associated to the genera within  $\text{fam } L$  forms a subgroup of the group  $\{\pm 1\}^t$ .

A genus  $\text{gen } K$  lies within  $\text{fam}^+ L$  if and only if there is some totally positive unit  $u$  such that  $\text{gen } K^u = \text{gen } L$ ; thus each nuclear family within  $\text{fam } L$  contains the same number of genera, which is the number of distinct vectors in the set

$$U_L = \{(\dots, (u : \mathcal{Q}_i) \dots) : u \in \mathcal{O}^\times, u \gg 0\}.$$

So each nuclear family is associated to a unique coset of  $\{\pm 1\}^t / U_L$ , and thus there are  $2^r$  nuclear families within  $\text{fam } L$  where  $r$  is some nonnegative integer. □

**REMARK.** If  $K$  is a  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattice of  $L$  then  $\mathcal{P}^{-1}K \in \text{gen } L \subseteq \text{fam}^+ L$  since at all primes  $\mathcal{Q} \neq \mathcal{P}$  we have  $K_{\mathcal{Q}} = L_{\mathcal{Q}} = \mathcal{P}L_{\mathcal{Q}}$ , and  $K_{\mathcal{P}} \simeq \mathcal{P}L_{\mathcal{P}}$  by construction. (For a more detailed discussion of  $\mathcal{P}$ - and  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattices, see §6 of [7].)

Let  $L_1, \dots, L_{2^r}$  represent the distinct nuclear families within  $\text{fam } L$ , and define

$$\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau) = \sum_K \frac{1}{o(K)} \theta(K, \tau)$$

where the sum is taken over a complete set of isometry class representations  $K \in \text{fam}^+ L_i$  and  $o(K)$  denotes the order of the orthogonal group  $O(K)$  of  $K$ . Notice that

$$\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau) \in \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, N(L)), \chi_L).$$

To help describe the action of  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$  on  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau)$ , we first prove

**LEMMA 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a prime ideal such that  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ , and consider  $T(\mathcal{P})$  as a map from  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathbf{n}L), \chi_L)$  into  $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{P}\mathbf{n}L), \chi_L)$ .*

(1) *If  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is hyperbolic then*

$$\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)|T(\mathcal{P}) = N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k/2} (N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k-1} + 1) \theta(\text{fam}^+ K, \tau)$$

where  $K$  is any  $\mathcal{P}$ -sublattice of  $L$ .

(2) *If  $L/\mathcal{P}L$  is not hyperbolic then*

$$\begin{aligned} &\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)|T(\mathcal{P}^2) \\ &= N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^k (N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{2k-2} - N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k-1} + 1) \theta(\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{P}L, \tau). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The first assertion follows from Lemma 5.2 of [8] and the observation that  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) = \sum_u \theta(\text{gen } L^u, \tau)$  where the sum runs over a finite set of totally positive units  $u$  (which represent the distinct vectors in the set  $U_L$  defined in the proof of the preceding lemma).

To prove the second assertion, we let  $L'_1, \dots, L'_m$  represent the distinct isometry classes in  $\text{fam}^+ L$ ; as remarked above, any  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattice  $L'$  of  $L$  lies in  $\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{P}L$ . We set  $g_{ij}$  = the number of isometries  $\sigma$  of  $V$  which map  $\mathcal{P}L'_j$  to a  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattice of  $L'_i$ . Then we have that  $(1/o(L'_j))g_{ij}$  is the number of  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattices of  $L'_i$  which are isometric to  $\mathcal{P}L'_j$ ,  $(1/o(L'_i))g_{ij}$  is the number of  $\mathcal{P}^2$ -sublattices of  $L'_j$  which are isometric to  $\mathcal{P}L'_i$ , and by Proposition 7.3 of [7],

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j \frac{1}{o(L'_j)} g_{ij} &= \sum_i \frac{1}{o(L'_i)} g_{ij} \\ &= N(\mathcal{P})^k N(\mathcal{P})^{k-2} \dots N(\mathcal{P})^0 (N(\mathcal{P})^k + 1) \dots (N(\mathcal{P})^2 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Now Proposition 6.1 and Theorem 7.4 of [7] yield the desired result. □

Let  $\text{gens } \mathcal{F}^L$  be the commutative monoid consisting of all (finite) products of the operators

$$\begin{aligned} &\{T(\mathcal{P}) : L/\mathcal{P}L \text{ is hyperbolic}\} \\ &\cup \{T(\mathcal{P}^2) : L/\mathcal{P}L \text{ is not hyperbolic}\} \cup \{S(\mathcal{F})\} \end{aligned}$$

where it is understood that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a prime ideal,  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fractional ideal relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$ . Then as vector spaces,  $\mathcal{F}^L$  is generated by  $\text{gens } \mathcal{F}^L$  and  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$  is generated by  $\text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L = \mathcal{F}_0 \cap \text{gens } \mathcal{F}^L$ . Now we prove

LEMMA 3.3. *Let  $T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L$ . Then*

$$\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau) | T = \lambda_T \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_{\sigma_T(i)}, \tau)$$

where  $\lambda_T$  is nonzero and dependent only on  $T$ , and  $\sigma_T$  is a permutation of  $\{1, \dots, 2^r\}$ . Furthermore,  $\sigma_T^2 = 1$  and  $\sigma_T$  has a fixed point only if  $\sigma_T = 1$ ; the set  $\{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  forms a commutative group of order  $2^r$  which acts transitively on  $\{1, \dots, 2^r\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{Q}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Q}_t$  be the “bad” primes for  $L$  as in the proof of Lemma 3.1, and associate as before each genus within  $\text{fam } L$  with a unique element of  $\{\pm 1\}^t$ , and each nuclear family within  $\text{fam } L$  with a unique element of the quotient group  $\{\pm 1\}^t / U_L$ .

Take  $T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L$ . Thus

$$T = T(\mathcal{P}_1) \cdots T(\mathcal{P}_l) T(\mathcal{P}_{l+1}^2) \cdots T(\mathcal{P}_{l+s}^2) S(\mathcal{F})$$

where the  $\mathcal{P}_i$  are primes (not necessarily distinct) such that  $L/\mathcal{P}_i L$  is hyperbolic for  $1 \leq i \leq l$  and not hyperbolic for  $i > l$ , and  $\alpha \mathcal{P}_1 \cdots \mathcal{P}_l \mathcal{P}_{l+1}^2 \cdots \mathcal{P}_{l+s}^2 \mathcal{F}^2 = \mathcal{O}$  for some  $\alpha \gg 0$ . Let  $K = K_{l+s} \subset \cdots \subset K_1 \subset K_0 = L$  be lattices such that  $K_i$  is a  $\mathcal{P}_i$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , and  $K_i$  is a  $\mathcal{P}_i^2$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$  for  $i > l$ . Then repeated use of the preceding lemma and Proposition 6.1 of [7] shows that  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)|T = \lambda_T \theta(\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{F} K^\alpha, \tau)$  (where  $\lambda \neq 0$  depends only on  $T$ ); the techniques used in Lemma 3.1 show that  $\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{F} K^\alpha$  is associated to the coset  $(\dots, (\alpha|\mathcal{Q}_i), \dots)U_L$ . Similarly, if  $\text{fam}^+ L_i$  is associated to  $(\dots, \varepsilon_i, \dots)U_L$  then  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau)|T = \lambda_T \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_j, \tau)$  where  $\text{fam}^+ L_j$  is associated to  $(\dots, \varepsilon_i(\alpha|\mathcal{Q}_i), \dots)U_L$ . Hence we may associate to  $T$  a permutation  $\sigma_T$  of  $\{1, \dots, 2^r\}$  where  $\sigma_T^2 = 1$  and  $\sigma_T$  has a fixed point only when  $\sigma_T = 1$ . Clearly  $\{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  is an abelian group of order  $2^r$ ; that this group is transitive follows from Lemma 3.2 and the proof of Lemma 3.1.  $\square$

This shows us that for  $T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a_i \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau)|T &= \lambda_T \sum a_i \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_{\sigma_T(i)}, \tau) \\ &= \sum a_{\sigma_T(i)} \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau) \end{aligned}$$

(since  $\sigma_T^2 = 1$ ) so to find the eigenspaces of  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$  on

$$\bigoplus_i \langle \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau) \rangle$$

we merely need to find the eigenspaces of  $\{\sigma_T : \mathcal{F} \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  acting on  $\mathbf{C}^{2^r}$  by  $(a_1, a_2, \dots) \mapsto (a_{\sigma_T(1)}, a_{\sigma_T(2)}, \dots)$ . Since  $\sigma_T^2 = 1$  and  $\{\sigma_T : \mathcal{F} \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  is transitive, a vector  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is an eigenvector for  $\{\sigma_T : \mathcal{F} \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  only if there is some  $a \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $a_i = \pm a$  for each  $i$ . Clearly  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$  is an eigenvector; this corresponds to  $\theta(\text{fam} L, \tau) = \sum_i \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau)$ , which was shown to be a  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$ -eigenform in [8] in the case that  $\chi_L = 1$ .

LEMMA 3.4. For  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , let  $\rho_{i1}$  be the permutation

$$\rho_{i1} = (1 \ 2^i)(2 \ 2^i - 1)(3 \ 2^i - 2) \cdots (2^{i-1} \ 2^{i-1} + 1)$$

and for  $1 < j \leq 2^{r-i}$ , define  $\rho_{ij}$  inductively by

$$\rho_{ij} = (2^i + a_1 \ 2^i + a_2) \cdots (2^i + a_{l-1} \ 2^i + a_l)$$

where  $\rho_{ij-1} = (a_1 a_2) \cdots (a_{l-1} a_l)$ . Set

$$\sigma_i = \prod_{j=1}^{2^{r-i}} \rho_{ij}.$$

Then up to a reordering of  $\text{fam}^+ L_1, \dots, \text{fam}^+ L_{2^r}$ , the permutations  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  generate  $\{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly the  $\sigma_i$  commute,  $\sigma_i^2 = 1$ , and for  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_l$ , we have

$$\sigma_{i_1} \cdots \sigma_{i_l} \sigma_{i_1}(1) \neq 1.$$

Hence if we demonstrate that  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r \in \{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  then it must be the case that these  $\sigma_i$  generate  $\{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$ .

We begin by choosing  $\sigma_{T_1} \neq 1$  and then ordering the nuclear families within  $\text{fam } L$  such that  $\sigma_{T_1} = (1\ 2)(3\ 4) \cdots (2^r - 1\ 2^r) = g_1$ . Next, using the transitivity of the group  $\{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$ , we choose  $\sigma_{T_2}$  such that  $\sigma_{T_2}(1) = 4$ . Now,  $\sigma_{T_1} \sigma_{T_2} = \sigma_{T_2} \sigma_{T_1}$ , so  $\sigma_{T_2}(2) = 3$ . Thus  $\sigma_{T_2} = (1\ 4)(2\ 3)^*$ . Next we observe that  $\sigma_{T_2}(5) \neq 6$  else  $\sigma_{T_1} \sigma_{T_2}$  is a nontrivial permutation with a fixed point; thus we can reorder the nuclear families such that  $\sigma_{T_2}(5) = 8$ . Notice that we can choose this reordering to preserve the equality  $\sigma_{T_1} = \sigma_1$ . Since we have  $\sigma_{T_1} \sigma_{T_2} = \sigma_{T_2} \sigma_{T_1}$ , we get

$$\sigma_{T_2} = (1\ 4)(2\ 3)(5\ 8)(6\ 7)^*.$$

Reasoning as above,  $\sigma_{T_2}(9) \neq 10$ , thus a reordering of  $\{\text{fam}^+ L_i\}$  gives us

$$\sigma_{T_2} = (1\ 4)(2\ 3)(5\ 8)(6\ 7)(9\ 12)(10\ 11)^*$$

and we still have  $\sigma_{T_1} = \sigma_1$ . Continuing this process of reordering  $\{\text{fam}^+ L_i\}$  gives us  $\sigma_{T_2} = \sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_{T_1} = \sigma_1$ .

Now we choose  $\sigma_{T_3}$  such that  $\sigma_{T_3}(1) = 8$ ; the subgroup  $\langle \sigma_{T_1}, \sigma_{T_2}, \sigma_{T_3} \rangle$  is commutative and has no nontrivial elements with fixed points, so arguing as before we can reorder the nuclear families  $\{\text{fam}^+ L_i\}$  so that  $\sigma_{T_3} = \sigma_3$ ,  $\sigma_{T_2} = \sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_{T_1} = \sigma_1$ . Continuing this process, we find  $\sigma_{T_4}, \dots, \sigma_{T_r} \in \{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L\}$  and a reordering of the nuclear families  $\{\text{fam}^+ L_i\}$  such that  $\sigma_{T_r} = \sigma_r, \dots, \sigma_{T_1} = \sigma_1$ .  $\square$

This shows that the  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$ -eigenforms of the form  $\sum_i a_i \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau)$  correspond to the vectors  $(\dots, a_i, \dots)$  which are eigenforms for

$\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r\}$ . Now we show

**LEMMA 3.5.** *Let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  be as in Lemma 3.4. For  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , let  $\mathbf{v}_i = (v_{i1}, \dots, v_{i2^r})$  where  $v_{ij} = (-1)^a$  with  $a \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $a \cdot 2^{i-1} < j \leq (a+1) \cdot 2^{i-1}$ . Then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  generate an abelian group of order  $2^r$  under componentwise multiplication, and every element in this group is an eigenvector for  $\{\sigma_T : T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{T}_0^L\}$  (where the permutation  $\sigma$  maps the vector  $(a_1, a_2, \dots) \in (\mathbf{C}^\times)^{2^r}$  to  $(a_{\sigma(1)}, a_{\sigma(2)}, \dots)$ ). Furthermore, if  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v}'$  are distinct elements of this group, then  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v}'$  have distinct eigenvalues for some  $\sigma_T$ .*

*Proof.* Notice that the entries of the vector  $\mathbf{v}_i$  occur in blocks of  $2^{i-1}$ , so

$$\sigma_j(\mathbf{v}_i) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_i & \text{if } j < i, \\ -\mathbf{v}_i & \text{if } j \geq i. \end{cases}$$

For  $1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{i_1} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{i_s}$  with  $i_1 < \dots < i_s$ , take  $l \leq s$  such that  $j \geq i_l$  and  $j < i_{l+1}$  if  $l+1 \leq s$ ; then

$$\sigma_j(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{v} & \text{if } l \text{ is even,} \\ -\mathbf{v} & \text{if } l \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $\sigma(\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}') = \sigma(\mathbf{v})\sigma(\mathbf{v}')$ , two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v}'$  have the same eigenvalues for all the  $\sigma_i$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}'$ . □

**REMARK.** For any vectors  $\mathbf{v} = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  in this group  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r \rangle$  we have  $\sum_i a_i = 0$  unless  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ . To see this, write  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_{i_1} \cdots \mathbf{v}_{i_s}$  where  $i_1 < \dots < i_s$ , and observe that for  $i < i_s$  and  $j \equiv l \pmod{2^{i_s-1}}$ , we have

$$v_{ij} = \begin{cases} v_{il} & \text{if } i < i_s \text{ or } j \equiv l \pmod{2^{i-s}}, \\ -v_{il} & \text{if } i = i_s \text{ and } j \not\equiv l \pmod{2^i}. \end{cases}$$

Thus  $a_j = a_l$  if  $j \equiv l \pmod{2^{i_s}}$ , and  $a_j = -a_l$  if  $j \equiv l \pmod{2^{i_s-1}}$  but  $j \not\equiv l \pmod{2^{i_s}}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2^r}$  denote the other vectors in the group generated by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ , and write  $\mathbf{v}_i = (v_{i1}, \dots, v_{i2^r})$ . with the nuclear families of fam  $L$  ordered as in Lemma 3.4, set

$$E_i(\tau) = \sum_j v_{ij} \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_j, \tau).$$

Then we have

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Those  $E_i(\tau)$  which are nonzero are linearly independent  $T_0^L$ -eigenforms. We also have*

$$\bigoplus_i \langle \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau) \rangle = \bigoplus_i \langle E_i(\tau) \rangle,$$

so the number of forms  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_1, \tau), \dots, \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_{2^r}, \tau)$  which are linearly independent is equal to the number of  $E_i(\tau)$  which are nonzero; here  $2^r$  is the number of nuclear families within  $\text{fam } L$ .

*Proof.* Lemmas 3.3 and 3.5 show that for  $T \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}_0^L$ ,

$$E_i(\tau)|T = \begin{cases} \lambda_T E_i(\tau) & \text{if } \sigma_T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{v}_i, \\ -\lambda_T E_i(\tau) & \text{if } \sigma_T(\mathbf{v}_i) = -\mathbf{v}_i; \end{cases}$$

since  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_j$  have the same eigenvalues for  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  only when  $i = j$ , the nonzero  $E_i(\tau)$  must be linearly independent.

To finish proving the theorem, it suffices to show that the matrix  $A = (v_{ij})$  is nonsingular. Now, the  $i, j$ -entry of  $AA^t$  is the dot product of  $\mathbf{v}_i$  with  $\mathbf{v}_j$ , but this is just the sum of the entries of the vector  $\mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_j$ . As remarked above, the sum of the entries of any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in the group generated by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  is 0 if  $\mathbf{v} \neq (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ ; thus  $AA^t = 2^r \cdot I$  where  $I$  denotes the  $2^r \times 2^r$  identity matrix.  $\square$

Next we use Theorem 3.1 of [8] to lift the  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$ -eigenforms  $E_i(\tau)$  to  $\mathcal{F}^L$ -eigenforms  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau) \in \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi)$  where  $\chi$  is a Hecke character “extending  $\chi_L \chi_\infty$ ” with  $\chi_\infty(\tilde{a}) = \text{sgn}(\tilde{a}_\infty)^k$  for an adèle  $\tilde{a} \in \mathbf{K}_A$ . (Thus  $\chi$  is a Hecke character such that the finite part of its conductor divides the conductor of  $\chi_L$ ,  $\chi(\tilde{a}_\mathcal{N}) = \chi_L(a)$  when  $\tilde{a}_\mathcal{N}$ , the  $\mathcal{N}$ -part of the adèle  $\tilde{a}$ , is a unit at all primes dividing  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbf{K}^\times$  such that  $A \equiv \tilde{a} \pmod{\mathcal{N}}$ ); cf. [8] or [4]. Note that for  $u \in \mathcal{O}^\times$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_L(u)\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) \\ = \theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) \left| \begin{pmatrix} u^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \right. = \text{sgn}(u)^k \theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) \end{aligned}$$

so  $\chi_L(u) = \text{sgn}(u)^k$  as required in [8].) The lift of  $E_i(\tau)$  involves theta series attached to lattices in the “extended family” of  $L$ , which is defined as follows.

**DEFINITION.** A lattice  $K$  is *connected to  $L$  by a prime-sublattice chain* if there exist lattices  $K_0 = L, K_1, \dots, K_s$  such that  $K_i$  is a  $\mathcal{P}_i$ - or a  $\mathcal{P}_i^2$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$  (depending on whether  $L/\mathcal{P}_i L$  is hyperbolic) and  $K = \mathcal{F} K_s^\alpha$  for some fractional ideal  $\mathcal{F}$  and some  $\alpha \gg 0$ . Here it is understood that  $\mathcal{P}_1, \dots, \mathcal{P}_s$  are prime ideals (not necessarily distinct) which do not divide  $2\mathcal{N}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\alpha\mathcal{O}$  are relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$ ; also, we take  $K_i$  to be a  $\mathcal{P}_i$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$  if  $L/\mathcal{P}_i L$  is hyperbolic, and we take  $K_i$  to be a  $\mathcal{P}_i^2$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$  otherwise. If  $K$  is connected by a prime-sublattice chain to

a lattice in fam  $L$  then we say  $K$  is in the *extended family* of  $L$ , denoted  $\text{xfam } L$ .

We can lift any  $E_i(\tau)$  regardless of whether  $E_i(\tau)$  is nonzero (although if  $E_i(\tau) = 0$  then the lift of  $E_i(\tau)$  is also zero). Theorem 3.1 of [8] shows us that each nonzero  $\mathcal{F}_0^L$ -eigenform  $E_i(\tau)$  can be lifted to  $c_i h'$  linearly independent  $\mathcal{F}^L$ -eigenforms  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$  where  $h'$  is the class number of  $\mathbf{K}/\mathbf{Q}$  and  $c_i$  is the cardinality of

$$\{[\mathcal{Q}] : \mathcal{Q} = \alpha \mathcal{P}_1 \cdots \mathcal{P}_r \mathcal{F}^2 \text{ with } \alpha \gg 0 \text{ and } L/\mathcal{P}_i L \text{ hyperbolic}\};$$

here  $[\mathcal{Q}]$  denotes the complex of the strict ideal class of  $\mathcal{Q}$ , and it is understood that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fractional ideal relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$ . Thus if  $\chi_L = 1$ , each nonzero  $E_i(\tau)$  can be lifted to  $h$  linearly  $\mathcal{F}$ -eigenforms where  $h$  is the strict class number of  $\mathbf{K}/\mathbf{Q}$ . Furthermore, an examination of this lift gives us

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *For each  $i = 1, \dots, 2^r$ , each component of  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$  is a linear combination of theta series attached to lattices in  $\text{xfam } L$ , and*

$$\tilde{E}_i(\tau)|T(\mathcal{P}) = \delta_i(\mathcal{P})(N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k-1} + 1)\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$$

where  $\delta_i(\mathcal{P}) = \pm 1$  so that  $\sigma_{T(\mathcal{P})}(\mathbf{v}_i) = \delta_i(\mathcal{P})\mathbf{v}_i$ .

To obtain nice relations on the ‘‘Fourier coefficients’’ of the lifts  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$ , we follow [4] and define the ‘‘Fourier coefficients’’ associated to an integral ideal  $\mathcal{M}$  by

$$\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{Q}) = a_\mu(\xi)N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{F}_\mu)^{-k/2}$$

where  $\xi \gg 0$ ,  $\xi \mathcal{F}_\mu^{-1} i = \mathcal{M}$ , and the form  $\sum_\zeta a_\mu(\zeta)e^{2\pi i \text{Tr}(\zeta\tau)} \in \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}_\mu), \chi_L)$  is a component of  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$ . Thus for  $\xi \in \mathcal{N}L$ ,  $\xi \gg 0$ , and  $\mathcal{M} = \xi(\mathbf{n}L)^{-1}$  we have

$$\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}) = N_{K/Q}(\mathbf{n}L)^{-k/2} \sum_j v_{ij} \mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L_j, \xi)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L, \xi) = \sum_{L'} (1/o(L'))\mathbf{r}(L', \xi)$  with the sum running over isometry class representatives  $L' \in \text{fam}^+ L$ , and where we take  $\mathbf{n}L$  to be one of the strict ideal class representatives used to define  $\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi_L) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, I), \chi_L)$ . Since  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$  is an eigenform we have

$$\kappa(\mathcal{M})\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}') = \sum_{\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{M}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}} \chi^*(\mathcal{A})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{A})^{k-1}\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}'\mathcal{A}^{-2})$$

where  $T(\mathcal{M}) \in \mathcal{F}^L$  and  $\kappa(\mathcal{M})$  is some constant such that  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)|T(\mathcal{M}) = \kappa(\mathcal{M})\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$  (see (2.23) of [4]). These relations and a scrutiny of the lift will yield relations on the numbers  $\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L, \xi)$ ; as a step toward that goal we prove

LEMMA 3.8. *For a prime  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ , define*

$$\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{P}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L/\mathcal{P}L \text{ is hyperbolic,} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

and define

$$\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{A}) = \prod_{\mathcal{P}|\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon_L(\mathcal{P})^{\text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{A}}.$$

Then for any  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $a$  is relatively prime to  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\chi_L(a) = \text{sgn}(a)^k \varepsilon_L(a\mathcal{O})$ . Moreover, if we let  $\mathcal{F}_1, \dots, \mathcal{F}_h$  be strict ideal class representatives such that

$$\tilde{E}_i(\tau) \in \mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\eta} \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{F}_{\eta}\mathbf{n}L), \chi_L)$$

(where  $\chi$  is a Hecke character “extending  $\chi_L\chi_{\infty}$ ”—see the discussion following Lemma 3.6), then for  $\mathcal{M} = \xi(\mathbf{n}L)^{-1}$ , with  $\xi \in \mathbf{n}L$ ,  $\xi \gg 0$ ,  $\mathcal{M}$  relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^2|\mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{A}^{-2}\mathcal{M}) = \bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{A})\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{A})N_{K/Q}(\mathbf{n}L)^{-k/2} \cdot \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{A}L_j, 2\xi)$$

where  $\chi^*(\mathcal{A}) = \chi(\tilde{a})$  for an adèle  $\tilde{a}$  such that  $\tilde{a}_{\mathcal{P}}\tilde{a}_{\infty} = 1$  for all primes  $\mathcal{P}$  with  $\text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{A} = 0$  and  $\tilde{a}_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(\mathcal{N}, \mathbf{n}L)$  such that  $ad - bc = 1$ , we see that the restrictions on  $d$  in the transformation formula (2) of [7] are unnecessary, but one needs to replace  $N(d)^{-m/2}$  by  $d^{-m/2}$ . Then the arguments used to prove Theorem 3.7 of [7] show that  $\chi_L(a) = \text{sgn}(a)^k \varepsilon_L(a)$  for any  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $(a\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{N}) = 1$ .

Now, take  $\mu$  and  $a \in \mathbf{K}^{\times}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} = a\mathcal{F}_{\mu}$  and  $a \gg 0$ . Then from the construction of  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{A}^{-2}\mathcal{M}) &= \bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{F}_{\mu})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{F}_{\mu})^k \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{F}_{\mu}L_j, 2\alpha^{-2}\xi) \cdot N_{K/Q}(\mathbf{n}(\mathcal{F}_{\mu}L))^{-k/2} \\ &= \bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{F}_{\mu})\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{F}_{\mu})N_{K/Q}(\mathbf{n}L)^{-k/2} \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ \alpha\mathcal{F}_{\mu}L_j, 2\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\chi_L$  is quadratic, we have

$$\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{A})\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{A}) = \bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{J}_\mu)\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{J}_\mu)\chi_L(a)\varepsilon_L(a\mathcal{O}) = \bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{J}_\mu)\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{J}_\mu),$$

and so the lemma follows.  $\square$

For a prime ideal  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$  we now define

$$\lambda(\mathcal{P}) = N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k/2}(N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k-1} + 1) \quad \text{when } \varepsilon_L(\mathcal{P}) = 1,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(\mathcal{P}^2) &= N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^k(N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{2k-2} \\ &\quad - N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k-1} + 1) \quad \text{when } \varepsilon_L(\mathcal{P}) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

We inductively define  $\lambda(\mathcal{M})$  where  $T(\mathcal{M}) \in \mathcal{F}^L$  by defining

$$\lambda(\mathcal{P}^a)\lambda(\mathcal{P}^b) = \sum_{c=0}^{\min\{a,b\}} N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{c(2k-1)}\lambda(\mathcal{P}^{a+b-2c})$$

and  $\lambda(\mathcal{M})\lambda(\mathcal{M}') = \lambda(\mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}')$  whenever  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  are relatively prime.

**THEOREM 3.9.** *Take  $\xi \in \mathfrak{nL}$ ,  $\xi \gg 0$ . Write  $\xi(\mathfrak{nL})^{-1} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}'$  where  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  are integral ideals and  $T(\mathcal{M}) \in \mathcal{F}^L$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{r}(\text{fam}^+ L, 2\xi) &= \lambda(\mathcal{M})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{-k/2}\mathfrak{r}(\text{fam}^+ L', 2\xi) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{M}+\mathcal{M}' \subset \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{A} \neq \mathcal{O}}} \varepsilon_L(\mathcal{A})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{A})^{k-1}\mathfrak{r}(\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{A}L, 2\xi) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathfrak{nL}' = \mathcal{M}\mathfrak{nL}$  and  $L'$  is connected to  $L$  by a prime-sublattice chain. In the case that  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q}$ , we can scale  $L$  to assume  $\mathfrak{nL} = \mathbf{Z}$ ; then for  $m, m' \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $T(m) \in \mathcal{F}^L$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{r}(\text{gen}^+ L, 2mm') &= \lambda(m)m^{-k/2}\mathfrak{r}(\text{gen} L', 2m') \\ &\quad - \sum_{\substack{a|(m,m') \\ a>1}} \chi_L(a)a^{k-1}\mathfrak{r}\left(\text{gen} L, \frac{2mm'}{a^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $L' \in \text{gen} L$  with  $\text{gen} L'$  determined by  $m$ .

*Proof.* Take  $\xi \in \mathfrak{nL}$ ,  $\xi \gg 0$ , and write  $\xi(\mathfrak{nL})^{-1} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}'$  with  $T(\mathcal{M}) \in \mathcal{F}^L$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{M}$  is relatively prime to  $2\mathcal{N}$  and  $\text{ord}_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{M}$  is even whenever  $\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{P}) = -1$  for  $\mathcal{P} \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ ). To lift  $E_i(\tau)$ , we may as well assume that  $\mathcal{M}\mathfrak{nL}$  is one of the strict ideal class representatives used to define  $\mathcal{M}_k(\mathcal{N}, \chi)$ ; then we observe that

$$E_i(\tau)|T(\mathcal{M})^2S(\mathcal{M}^{-1}) = N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{-k}\lambda(\mathcal{M})^2E_i(\tau)$$

so we can fix a square root of  $\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{M})$  and define the  $\mathcal{M}\mathbf{n}L$ -component of  $\tilde{E}_i(\tau)$  to be

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{M})}N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{P})^{k/2}}{\lambda(\mathcal{M})}E_i|T(\mathcal{M}) \\ &= \sqrt{\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{M})}N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{k/2} \sum_j v_{ij}\theta(L'_j, \tau) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{n}L'_j = \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathbf{n}L$  and  $L'_j$  is connected to  $L_j$  by a prime-sublattice chain. (Notice that if  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{F}^2$  then we can interpret

$$\sqrt{\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{M})}N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{k/2} \sum_j v_{ij}\theta(L'_j, \tau)$$

as  $\varepsilon_L(\mathcal{F})\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{F})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{F})^k \sum_j v_{ij}\theta(\mathcal{F}L_j, \tau)$  since  $\mathcal{F}L_j \in \text{fam}^+ L'_j$  in this case.) Then

$$\tilde{E}_i(\tau)|T(\mathcal{M}) = \frac{\lambda(\mathcal{M})}{\sqrt{\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{M})}N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{k/2}}\tilde{E}_i(\tau).$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}' = \xi\mathcal{M}^{-1}(\mathbf{n}L)^{-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}') &= \sqrt{\bar{\chi}^*(\mathcal{M})}N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{k/2} \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L'_j, 2\xi) \\ &\quad \cdot N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{-k/2}N_{K/Q}(\mathbf{n}L)^{k/2} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & \kappa_i(\mathcal{M})\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}') \\ &= \lambda(\mathcal{M})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{-k/2}N_{K/Q}(\mathbf{n}L)^{-k/2} \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L'_j, 2\xi) \end{aligned}$$

(where  $E_i(\tau)|T(\mathcal{M}) = \kappa_i(\mathcal{M})E_i(\tau)$ ). Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}') &= \kappa_i(\mathcal{M})\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}') \\ &\quad - \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{M}+\mathcal{M}'\subset\mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{A}\neq\mathcal{O}}} \chi^*(\mathcal{A})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{A})^{k-1}\mathbf{a}_i(\mathcal{M}''\mathcal{A}^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

which, together with Corollary 3.7 and Lemma 3.8, give us

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L_j, 2\xi) \\ &= \lambda(\mathcal{M})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{M})^{-k/2} \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ L'_j, 2\xi) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{M}+\mathcal{M}'\subset\mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{A}\neq\mathcal{O}}} \varepsilon_L(\mathcal{A})N_{K/Q}(\mathcal{A})^{k-1} \sum_j v_{ij}\mathbf{r}(\text{fam}^+ \mathcal{A}L_j, 2\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Summing on  $i$  and normalizing yields the desired result.  $\square$

**4. Linear independence of theta series when  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\chi_L = 1$ , and  $\text{rank } L > 2$ .** Suppose now that  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\chi_L = 1$ , and  $\text{rank } L = 2k$  with  $k > 1$ . Since the object of this section is to show that the  $E_i(\tau)$  constructed in §3 are nonzero (and thus by Theorem 3.6 the forms  $\{\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_i, \tau)\}$  are linearly independent), we may assume that the lattice  $L$  has been scaled so that  $\mathfrak{n}L = \mathbf{Z}$ . Let  $q_1, \dots, q_t$  denote the “bad” primes for  $L$  (as defined in the proof of Lemma 3.1). Since  $L$  is even unimodular when localized at 2, an analysis of the Hilbert symbol  $(*, (-1)^k \text{disc } L)_2$  shows that 2 is not a “bad” prime for  $L$ . Furthermore, since  $\chi_L = 1$ , there are  $2^t$  nuclear families within  $\text{fam } L$ . (Using the Chinese Remainder Theorem we can realize each vector in  $\{\pm 1\}^t$  as  $((a : q_1), \dots, (a : q_t))$  where  $a = p_1 \cdots p_s$  with the  $p_i$  primes (not necessarily distinct) and  $p_i \nmid 2\mathcal{N}$ . Since  $L/p_i L$  is hyperbolic,  $K^{1/a} \in \text{fam } L$  where  $K = K_s$ ,  $K_0 = L$ , and  $K_i$  is a  $p_i$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$ . Then  $\text{fam}^+ K^{1/a} = \text{gen } K^{1/a}$  is associated to the vector  $((a : q_1), \dots, (a : q_t))$ .) For any prime  $p$  the localized lattice  $L_p$  has the Jordan decomposition

$$L_p \simeq J_1 \perp \cdots \perp J_l;$$

letting  $e_s = \text{ord}_p \mathfrak{n}J_s$  and  $m_s = \text{rank } J_s = \dim J_s \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ , for  $b > 0$  with  $\text{ord}_p b = e$  we define

$$\text{rank}_p(b, L) = \prod_{e_s < e} (e - e_s) m_s.$$

Notice that  $\text{rank}_p(b, L)$  depends on  $\text{fam } L$ ,  $p$  and  $b$ ; since  $\text{fam } L$  is fixed, we simply write  $\text{rank}_p(b)$  for  $\text{rank}_p(b, L)$ .

**LEMMA 4.1.** *Fix a prime  $q$  and suppose  $L' \in \text{fam } L$  such that for all primes  $p$  we have  $L'_p \simeq L_p$  except when  $p = q$ . (Thus  $q$  must be a “bad” prime for  $L$ .) Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) - \theta(\text{fam}^+ L', \tau) \\ &= 2 \text{mass } L \cdot \sum_{\substack{b > 0, (a, b) = 1 \\ \text{rank}_q b \text{ odd}}} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) + \theta(\text{fam}^+ L', \tau) \\ &= 2 \text{mass } L \cdot \left[ 1 + \sum_{\substack{b > 0, (a, b) = 1 \\ \text{rank}_q b \text{ even}}} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) = i^k (\text{disc } L)^{-1/2} b^{-k} \sum_{x \in L/bL} e^{\pi i(a/b)Q(x)}$$

and  $\text{mass } L = \sum_{L' \in \text{fam}^+ L} \frac{1}{o(L')}$  is an invariant for  $\text{fam } L$ .

*Proof.* First we verify that  $\text{mass } L$  is an invariant of  $\text{fam } L$ . From our construction we know that the zero-Fourier coefficient of  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)$  is  $\text{mass } L$ ; from the definition of Hecke operators we know that the zero-Fourier coefficient of  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)|T(p)$  must be  $(p^{k-1} + 1)$  times the zero-Fourier coefficient of  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)$ . Using Lemma 3.2 and identifying isomorphic spaces of modular forms via the map

$$f \mapsto f \left| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix} \right.,$$

we see that for  $p$  a prime such that  $\chi_L(p) = 1$  we have

$$\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)|T(p) = (p^{k-1} + 1)\theta(\text{fam}^+ K^{1/p}, \tau)$$

where  $K$  is a  $p$ -sublattice of  $L$  and hence  $K^{1/p} \in \text{fam } L$ . Since the zero-Fourier coefficient of  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ K^{1/p}, \tau)$  is  $\text{mass } K^{1/p}$ , we have that  $\text{mass } L = \text{mass } K^{1/p}$ . Now, as discussed at the beginning of this section, any nuclear family  $\text{fam}^+ L' \subseteq \text{fam } L$  has a representative of the form  $(K_s)^{1/a}$  where  $a = p_1 \cdots p_s$  with  $p_1, \dots, p_s$  primes (not necessarily distinct) such that  $\chi_L(p_i) = 1$  and  $K_0 = L, K_1, \dots, K_s$  are lattices with  $K_i$  a  $p_i$ -sublattice of  $K_{i-1}$ ; thus it follows that  $\text{mass } L' = \text{mass } L$  for any  $L' \in \text{fam } L$ .

From equation (82) of [5] we have

$$\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau) = \text{mass } L \left[ 1 + \sum_{a,b} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \right]$$

where the sum is over all integers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $b > 0$  and  $(a, b) = 1$ , and

$$H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) = i^k (\text{disc } L)^{-1/2} b^{-k} \sum_{x \in L/bL} e\left(\frac{a}{b}Q(x)\right)$$

(here we write  $e(\alpha)$  for  $e^{\pi i\alpha}$ ). Using the results of §3 of [7] we have

$$\sum_{x \in L/bL} e\left(\frac{a}{b}Q(x)\right) = (b'')^k \chi_L(b'') \cdot \prod_{\substack{p \text{ prime} \\ p^e \parallel b'}} \left( \sum_{x \in p^{-e}bL/bL} e\left(\frac{a}{b}Q(x)\right) \right)$$

where  $b = b'b''$  with  $(b', b'') = 1 = (b'', N)$ . Fix a prime  $p|b'$  and let

$e = \text{ord}_p b$ ; by assumption  $p \neq 2$  (since  $L$  is even and unimodular when localized at 2 and so  $2 \nmid N$ ; see §3 of [7]) and hence we can write

$$L_p \simeq J_1 \perp \cdots \perp J_l$$

where  $\text{rank } J_s = m_s$  and  $J_s \simeq p^{e_s} \langle 1, \dots, 1, \varepsilon_s \rangle$  with  $\varepsilon_s \in \mathbf{Z}_p^\times$  and  $e_s < e_{s+1}$ . Since we are assuming  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{n}L$  we have  $e_1 = 0$ . We know  $L/p^e L \approx L_p/p^e L_p$  (where the isomorphism is as  $\mathbf{Z}/p^e \mathbf{Z}$ -modules), and if  $x \in L$  and  $x' \in L_p$  such that  $x - x' \in p^e L_p$  then

$$Q(x) \equiv Q(x') \pmod{p^e \mathbf{Z}}.$$

Thus, choosing  $\mu \in 2\mathbf{Z}$  such that  $\mu \equiv p^e/b \pmod{p^e}$ , the techniques of §3 of [7] give us

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x \in p^{-e} bL/bL} e\left(\frac{a}{b} Q(x)\right) \\ &= \prod_{s=1}^l \left[ \sum_{d_1, \dots, d_{m_s} \in \mathbf{Z}/p^e \mathbf{Z}} e(\mu a p^{e_s - e} (d_1^2 + \cdots + d_{m_s - 1}^2 + \varepsilon_s d_{m_s}^2)) \right] \\ &= p^{2ke} \prod_{e_s < e} p^{m_s(e_s - e)/2} c_s\left(\frac{a}{b}, L, p\right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_s\left(\frac{a}{b}, L, p\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 2|(e - e_s), \\ ((-1)^{m-s/2}|p) & \text{if } 2 \nmid (e - e_s) \text{ but } 2|m_s, \\ ((-1)^{m_s/2-1} a \varepsilon_s | p) p^{-1/2} \sum_{d \in \mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z}} e(\mu d^2) & \text{if } 2 \nmid (e - e_s) m_s. \end{cases}$$

(Recall that  $e_1 = 0$  since  $\mathbf{n}L = \mathbf{Z}$ , so  $e > e_1$ .) For  $L' \in \text{fam } L$  such that  $L'_p \simeq L_p^u$  with  $u \in \mathbf{Z}_p^\times$ , we see that  $c_s(\frac{a}{b}, L', p) = (u|p) c_s(\frac{a}{b}, L, p)$  if  $e_s < e$  and  $2 \nmid (e_s) m_s$ , and  $c_s(\frac{a}{b}, L', p) = c_s(\frac{a}{b}, L, p)$  otherwise. Since  $(u|p) = -1$  only when  $p = q$ , the lemma now follows.  $\square$

Now we can prove

LEMMA 4.2. *For each  $i = 1, \dots, 2^t$  we have*

$$E_i(\tau) = \text{mass } L \cdot \left[ \prod_{j=1}^t (1 + (-1)^{\delta_{ij}}) + 2^t \sum_{a, b} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \right]$$

where the sum runs over all integers  $a, b$  with  $b > 0, (a, b) = 1,$

and for each  $j$ ,  $\delta_{ij}$  is chosen to be 0 or 1 such that  $\text{rank}_{q_j} b \equiv \delta_{ij} \pmod{2}$ . Also,  $\prod_{j=1}^t (1 + (-1)^{\delta_{ij}}) = 0$  unless  $E_i(\tau) = \theta(\text{fam } L, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* Choose  $T_1, \dots, T_t \in \text{gens } \mathcal{F}^L$  such that  $\theta(\text{fam}^+ L, \tau)|_{T_j} = \lambda_{T_j} \theta(\text{fam}^+ L', \tau)$  for some  $L' \in \text{fam } L$  with  $L_{q_s} \simeq L'_{q_s}$  except when  $s = j$ . Then we can arrange the nuclear families within  $\text{fam } L$  such that  $\sigma_j = \sigma_{T_j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq t$ , where  $\sigma_j$  is as defined in Lemma 3.4. Let

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \sigma_j(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{v}_i, \\ 1 & \text{if } \sigma_j(\mathbf{v}_i) = -\mathbf{v}_i \end{cases}$$

(where  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is defined in Lemma 3.5 and  $E_i(\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^t v_{ij} \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_j, \tau)$ ). Then the argument used to prove Lemma 4.1 now gives us

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\text{mass } L} E_i(\tau) \\ &= (1 + (-1)^{\delta_{ii}}) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{2^{t-1}} \left( \sum_{\substack{\text{rank}_{q_1} b \equiv \delta_{i1} \pmod{2} \\ (2)}} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L_j\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \right) \\ &= (1 + (-1)^{\delta_{ii}})(1 + (-1)^{\delta_{ii-1}}) \\ & \quad + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{2^{t-2}} \left( \sum_{\substack{\text{rank}_{q_1} b \equiv \delta_{i1} \pmod{2} \\ \text{rank}_{q_2} b \equiv \delta_{i2} \pmod{2} \\ (2)}} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L_j\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \right) \\ & \quad \vdots \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^t (1 + (-1)^{\delta_{ij}}) + 2^t \cdot \sum_{\substack{\text{rank}_{q_j} b \equiv \delta_{ij} \pmod{2} \\ (1 \leq j \leq t)}} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L_1\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Finally we have

**THEOREM 4.3.** *For each  $i = 1, \dots, 2^t$ , the form  $E_i(\tau)$  is nonzero, and hence the set  $\{\theta(\text{fam}^+ L_1, \tau), \dots, \theta(\text{fam}^+ L_{2^t}, \tau)\}$  is linearly independent.*

*Proof.* If  $E_i(\tau) = \theta(\text{fam } L, \tau)$  then the zero-Fourier coefficient of  $E_i(\tau)$  is nonzero. So suppose  $E_i(\tau) \neq \theta(\text{fam } L, \tau)$ ; we will show that the first Fourier coefficient of  $E_i(\tau)$ ,  $a_i(1)$ , is nonzero. As before, let  $q_1, \dots, q_t$  denote the “bad” primes for  $L$  and set  $Q = q_1^{\delta_{i1}} \dots q_t^{\delta_{it}}$  where the  $\delta_{ij}$  are as defined in the preceding proof. From the

preceding lemma we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (2^t \text{mass } L)^{-1} E_i(\tau) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{b \geq 1 \\ \text{rank}_q, b \equiv \delta_{ij} \pmod{2}}} \left( \sum_{\substack{a \in \mathbf{Z} \\ (a,b)=1}} H\left(\frac{a}{b}, L\right) (b\tau - a)^{-k} \right) \\
 &= \sum_b H\left(\frac{1}{b}, L\right) \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/b\mathbf{Z})^\times} (a|Q) \sum_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} (b\tau - a + bm)^{-k} \\
 &= \sum_b H\left(\frac{1}{b}, L\right) \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/b\mathbf{Z})^\times} (a|Q) \frac{(-1)^{k-1} 2k\zeta(k)}{B_k} \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \times \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{k-1} e^{2\pi im(\tau - a/b)} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{k-1} 2k\zeta(k)}{B_k} \sum_b b^{-k} H\left(\frac{1}{b}, L\right) \\
 & \qquad \times \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/b\mathbf{Z})^\times} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-a|Q) m^{k-1} e^{2\pi ima/b} e^{2\pi im\tau} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

(Here  $\zeta$  denotes the Riemann-zeta function, and  $B_k$  is the  $k$ th Bernoulli number.) Now, take  $\tilde{Q} \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that

$$\text{ord}_p \tilde{Q} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \nmid b, \\ 1 & \text{if } \text{ord}_p Q = 1, \\ 2 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

then for  $b \geq 1$  with  $\text{rank}_q, b \equiv \delta_{ij} \pmod{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/b\mathbf{Z})^\times} (-a|Q) e^{2\pi ima/b} \\
 &= \sum_{a \in \mathbf{Z}/b\mathbf{Z}} (-a|\tilde{Q}) e^{2\pi ima/b} \\
 &= \prod_{q^e \parallel b} \left( \frac{-b}{q^e} \middle| q \right)^{\text{ord}_q \tilde{Q}} \left( \sum_{a \in \mathbf{Z}/q^e \mathbf{Z}} (a|q)^{\text{ord}_q \tilde{Q}} e^{2\pi ima/q^e} \right) \\
 &= \prod_{q^e \parallel b} \left( \frac{-b}{q^e} \middle| q \right)^{\text{ord}_q \tilde{Q}} \\
 & \qquad \times \left( \sum_{c \in \mathbf{Z}/q\mathbf{Z}} (c|q)^{\text{ord}_q \tilde{Q}} e^{2\pi imc/q^e} \sum_{d \in \mathbf{Z}/q^{e-1}\mathbf{Z}} e^{2\pi imd/q^{e-1}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where it is understood that in the above product  $q$  is a prime dividing  $b$ . Unless  $q^{e-1} | m$ , the above sum over  $d$  is zero; also, the sum over  $c$  is  $-1$  if  $q^e \nmid m$  and  $\text{ord}_q \tilde{Q}$  is even. Thus in the Fourier expansion of  $E_i(\tau)$ , the coefficient for  $e^{2\pi i \tau}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-1)^{k-1} 2k \zeta(k)}{B_k} \\ & \cdot \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbf{Z}_+, (n, Q)=1 \\ n \text{ square-free}}} (Qn)^{-k} H\left(\frac{1}{Qn}, L\right) \sum_{a \in (\mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z})^\times} (-a|Q) e^{2\pi i a/b} \\ & = \frac{(-1)^{k-1} 2k \zeta(k)}{Q^k B_k} H\left(\frac{1}{Q}, L\right) \prod_{q|Q} \left(-\frac{Qn}{q} \Big| q\right) \left( \sum_{c \in \mathbf{Z}/q\mathbf{Z}} (c|q) e^{2\pi i c/q} \right) \\ & \cdot \left( \sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbf{Z}_+, (n, Q)=1 \\ n \text{ square-free}}} n^{-k} \chi_L(n)(n|Q) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $((-1)^{k-1} 2k \zeta(k)/Q^k B_k) H(1/Q, L) \neq 0$ . We know that

$$\left| \sum_{c \in \mathbf{Z}/q\mathbf{Z}} (c|q) e^{2\pi i c/q} \right| = \sqrt{q};$$

thus to show that the coefficient of  $e^{2\pi i \tau}$  is nonzero, we only need to show that the last sum in the above expression is nonzero. We have

$$\sum_{\substack{n \in \mathbf{Z}_+, (n, Q)=1 \\ n \text{ square-free}}} n^{-k} \chi_L(n)(n|Q) = 1 + \sum_{\substack{n > 1 \\ n \text{ square-free}}} n^{-k} \chi_L(n)(n|Q)$$

and

$$\left| \sum_{n > 1} n^{-k} \chi_L(n)(n|Q) \right| < \sum_{n > 1} n^{-2} < 1. \quad \square$$

**5. Concluding remarks.** Since the techniques used in this paper are in some ways rather general, one can imagine there are many extensions of the results presented here. First let us note that equation (82) of [5] (which we used in §4 to show  $E_i(\tau) \neq 0$  in the case that  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\chi_L = 1$  and  $k > 1$ ) is extended in [6] to allow  $\mathbf{K} \neq \mathbf{Q}$ ; however, in [6] Siegel only concerns himself with free lattices. Thus the techniques of §4 can be used to show that the  $E_i(\tau)$  are all nonzero in the case that

the strict class number of  $\mathbf{K}$  is 1; this author suspects that Siegel's results hold regardless of the strict class number of  $\mathbf{K}$ , and thus in general all the  $E_i(\tau)$  are nonzero. Next, let us observe that Theorem 5.2.5 of [1] implies that the results of §3 can be extended to Siegel modular forms when  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\chi_L = 1$ . In view of the techniques used to prove Theorem 7.4 of [7], this author suspects that Theorem 5.2.5 of [1] can be extended to allow  $\mathbf{K} \neq \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\chi_L \neq 1$ . If this is indeed the case, then the results of §3 herein may be extended to general Siegel modular forms. Furthermore, Siegel's papers [5] and [6] extend equation (82) of [5] to include Siegel modular forms attached to free lattices; thus the results of §4 could probably be extended to Siegel modular forms. Finally, we mention that these results should extend to include lattices of odd rank; this, in fact is the author's current concern.

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