

L-series

$M_k(r, 1)$ is spanned by normalised Hecke eigenforms

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n \quad \text{satisfying}$$

$$a_m a_n = \sum_{r \mid \gcd(m,n)} r^{k-1} a_{mn/r^2} \quad \text{for all } m, n \geq 1$$

Special cases:

① if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ then $a_m a_n = a_{mn}$ (multiplicative)

② if $m = p, n = p$: $a_p a_p = a_{p^2+1} + p^{k-1} a_{p^2-1}$ \forall prime p
 $\forall p \geq 1$

Consider Dirichlet series $L(f, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ $s \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow L(f, s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \left(1 + \frac{a_p}{p^s} + \frac{a_{p^2}}{p^{2s}} + \dots \right) \quad \text{Euler product}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} a_{p^v} x^v = \frac{1}{1 - a_p x + p^{k-1} x^2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow L(f, s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - a_p p^{-s} + p^{k-1-2s}} \quad \text{Euler product}$$

ex: $f = G_k$ Eisenstein series $a_1(G_k) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} L(G_k, s) &= \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - (p^{k-1} + 1)p^{-s} + p^{k-1-2s}} = \prod_p \frac{1}{(1-p^{-s})(1-p^{k-1-s})} \\ &= \left(\prod_p \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} \right) \left(\prod_p \frac{1}{1-p^{k-1-s}} \right) = \zeta(s) \zeta(s+1-k) \end{aligned}$$

For what $s \in \mathbb{C}$ do the above actually make sense?

Let $f \in S_k(\Gamma_1)$ (not necessarily eigenform)

Theorem (Hecke) $|a_n| \leq C n^{k/2}$ $\forall n \geq 1$
(C depends on f)

Idea of proof: $z = x + iy \in \mathcal{H}$.

$z \mapsto y^{k/2} |f(z)|$ is bounded on \mathcal{H}

$\Rightarrow \exists c > 0$ st. $|f(z)| \leq c y^{-k/2}$ $\forall z \in \mathcal{H}$.

Fourier coeffs:

$$a_n = e^{2\pi n y} \int_0^1 f(x+iy) e^{-2\pi i n x} dx$$

so $|a_n| \leq c y^{-k/2} e^{2\pi n y}$ $\forall n \geq 1, \forall y > 0$

Take $y = \frac{1}{n}$

$$|a_n| \leq c e^{2\pi} n^{k/2}$$

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Corollary: $L(f, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$ converges absolutely for $\text{Re}(s) > 1 + \frac{k}{2}$.

Can we do better? (Spoilers: analytic continuation & functional equation)

Gamma function $\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-t} dt$ $t \mapsto \lambda t$

For any $\lambda > 0$, $\lambda^{-s} \Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-\lambda t} dt$ $n \geq 1$,
Take $\lambda = 2\pi n$

$$(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) n^{-s} = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-2\pi n t} dt$$

For $\text{Re}(s) > 1 + \frac{k}{2}$

$$\underbrace{(2\pi)^{-s} \Gamma(s) L(f, s)}_{L^*(f, s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} e^{-2\pi n t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} f(it) dt$$

converges abs. for all $s \in \mathbb{C}$ \leftarrow

$\int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} f(it) dt$

Substitution $t \mapsto \frac{1}{t}$ gives:

$$L^*(f, k-s) = (-1)^{k/2} L^*(f, s) \quad (\text{functional equation})$$

∃ converse theorem.

$$\Gamma_1 = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

Other L-series to know & love

Elliptic curve over \mathbb{Q}

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$

$$A, B \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\Delta = -4A^3 - 27B^2 \neq 0$$

For $p \nmid \Delta$, the reduction mod p

$$E_p: y^2 = x^3 + \bar{A}x + \bar{B}$$

is an elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_p

Set $a_p(E) = p - \#\{(x, y) \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2 \mid y^2 = x^3 + \bar{A}x + \bar{B}\}$

$$L(E, s) = \prod_{p \nmid \Delta} \frac{1}{1 - a_p(E) p^{-s} + p^{1-2s}} \prod_{p \mid \Delta} \frac{1}{\text{poly of deg } \leq 2 \text{ in } p^{-s}}$$

Taniyama: is there some relation $f \xleftrightarrow[\text{Galois reps}]{\text{wt } k=2} E/\mathbb{Q}$?

Theorem (Eichler-Shimura)

$f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ Hecke eigenform
with $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$

\Rightarrow

$\exists E/\mathbb{Q}$ s.t.

$L(E, s) = L(f, s)$

\square

Shimura-Taniyama-Weil conjecture

STW conjecture proved

by wiles \cup Taylor-Wiles \cup Breuil-Conrad-Diamond-Taylor
~ 1996

It was a major piece in the proof of Fermat's Last Theorem.