

# On the Inner Product of Certain Automorphic Forms and Applications

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**Abstract.** Let  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  be a discrete subgroup such that the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  has a finite volume. In this paper we compute the Petersson inner product of automorphic cuspidal forms with Poincaré series constructed out of matrix coefficients of a holomorphic discrete series of lowest weight  $m \geq 3$ . We apply the result to give new and representation–theoretic proofs of previous results, some of which were known to Petersson, and are anyway not surprising to experts.

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## 1. Introduction

The main virtue of the paper is to give new and representation–theoretic proofs of previous results [5], some of which were known to Petersson [6], and are anyway not surprising to experts. Before we introduce the main results of this paper, we fix some notation. A discrete subgroup  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is called a Fuchsian group of the first kind if the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  has a finite volume. Let  $K$  be the standard maximal compact subgroup of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Its unitary characters are parameterized by  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we write  $\chi_m$  for the character parameterized by  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the Casimir operator of the center of complexified universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $m \geq 1$ . We write  $\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$  for the finite–dimensional subspace of the space of all cuspidal automorphic forms  $\psi$  for  $\Gamma$  satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(gk) &= \chi_m(k)\psi(g), \quad k \in K, \quad g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \\ \mathcal{C}.\psi &= \left(\frac{m^2}{2} - m\right)\psi.\end{aligned}$$

It is well–known that this space is in one–to–one correspondence with space of cuspidal modular forms of weight  $m$  for  $\Gamma$  [1].

Let  $m \geq 3$ . Then we write  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  for the holomorphic discrete series of lowest weight  $m$ . In the standard Iwasawa decomposition of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  (see (1)), we define the function ( $k \geq 0$ )

$$F_{k,m} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \right) = y^{m/2} \exp(mti) \frac{(z-i)^k}{(z+i)^{k+m}},$$

where  $z = x + iy$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . The function  $F_{k,m}$  is unique up to a scalar matrix coefficient of  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  which transforms on the right (resp., left) under  $K$  as  $\chi_m$  (resp.,  $\chi_{m+2k}$ ). The short proof of this fact is given by ([4], Lemma 3-5) using some properties of Banach representations of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Next, it is well-known [1] that

$$P_\Gamma(F_{k,m})(g) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} F_{k,m}(\gamma \cdot g)$$

converges absolutely and uniformly on compact sets to an element of

$$\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m.$$

It is an unpublished observation of Milićić that cuspidal automorphic forms

$$P_\Gamma(F_{k,m}), \quad k \geq 0,$$

span  $\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$ . (See [4], Lemma 3-1 for two proofs of this result.) The main result of the present paper is the following theorem (see Section 2):

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$ . Then, the Petersson inner product of  $\psi$  and  $P_\Gamma(F_{k,m})$  is given by*

$$\langle \psi, P_\Gamma(F_{k,m}) \rangle = \frac{\pi i^m}{2^{m+k-2}(m-1)m \cdots (m+k-1)} (E^+)^k \cdot \psi(1),$$

where  $E^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We apply Theorem 1.1 to give a new proof of ([5], Proposition 2.1). We need some more notation. Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $\Gamma$  of finite order. For an integer  $m \geq 3$ , let  $S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$  be the space of all modular forms of weight  $m$  which are cuspidal i.e., this is the space of all holomorphic functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(\gamma \cdot z) = \mu(\gamma, z)^m \chi(\gamma) f(z)$  ( $z \in X$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ) which are holomorphic and vanish at every cusp for  $\Gamma$ . The space  $S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$  is a finite-dimensional Hilbert space under the Petersson inner product:

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash X} y^m f_1(z) \overline{f_2(z)} \frac{dx dy}{y^2}.$$

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $\chi$  be a character of  $\Gamma$  of finite order. Put  $\epsilon_\Gamma = \#(\{\pm 1\} \cap \Gamma)$ . Assume that  $m \geq 3$ . Let  $\xi \in X$ . Then, the series ( $k \geq 0$ )*

$$\Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi}(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{(m-1)m \cdots (m+k-1)(2i)^m}{4\epsilon_\Gamma \pi} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (\gamma.z - \bar{\xi})^{-k-m} \mu(\gamma, z)^{-m} \chi(\gamma)^{-1},$$

*converges absolutely and uniformly on compact to an element of  $S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$  which satisfies*

$$\langle f, \Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi} \rangle = \left. \frac{d^k f(z)}{dz^k} \right|_{z=\xi}, \quad f \in S_m(\Gamma, \chi), \quad k \geq 0.$$

This immediately shows that (for fixed  $m \geq 3$  and  $\xi \in X$ ) the inner products  $\langle f, \Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi} \rangle$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) determine the coefficients of the power series expansion of the modular form  $f$  centered at  $\xi$ . Obviously, this gives the interpretation of the family of modular forms  $\Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi}$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) which is analogous to the one for classical Poincaré series at cusps ([3], Theorem 2.6.10) where the Petersson inner products of classical Poincaré series with a modular form  $f$  determine the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  at a cusp.

The modular forms discussed in ([4], Theorem 1-1 (ii)) are essentially modular forms  $\Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi}$  attached to  $\xi = i$  and trivial character  $\chi$ . Thus, Corollary 1.2 gives the interpretation of the modular forms discussed in ([4], Theorem 1-1 (ii)).

We should point out that the modular forms  $\Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi}$  for  $k = 0$  were essentially known to Petersson [6]. In fact, in Section 4, we relate the results of the present paper (and [4]) to the work of Petersson [6] by giving a simple representation theoretic proof of one of his main results.

## 2. The proof of the main result

Let  $X$  be the upper half-plane. Then the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts on  $X$  as follows:

$$g.z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

We let  $\mu(g, z) = cz + d$ . The function  $\mu$  satisfies the cocycle identity  $\mu(gg', z) = \mu(g, g'.z) \cdot \mu(g', z)$ . Next,  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant measure on  $X$  is define by  $dx dy / y^2$ , where the coordinates on  $X$  are written in a usual way  $z = x + iy$ ,  $y > 0$ .

We continue by reviewing some notation and results following ([4], Section 2). The Iwasawa decomposition of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  implies that every  $g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  can be written uniquely in the following form:

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}, \quad x, y, t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad y > 0. \tag{1}$$

The stabilizer of  $i$  we denote by  $K$ . It is well-known that  $K$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . We have

$$K = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}; \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The set of characters of  $K$  can be identified with  $\mathbb{Z}$  using

$$\chi_m \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} = e^{imt}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We define certain differential operators on  $C^\infty(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  in terms of coordinates given by (1) (see [2], pages 115–116; the Casimir operator  $\mathcal{C}$  is half of (2) on page 195)

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C} = 2y^2(\partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2) - 2y\partial^2/\partial x\partial t & \text{the Casimir operator} \\ E^- = -2iye^{-2it} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) + ie^{-2it} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \\ E^+ = 2iye^{2it} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) - ie^{2it} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \\ W = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}. \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

They satisfy (see [2], pages 102, 195)

$$\begin{cases} [E^+, E^-] = E^+E^- - E^-E^+ = -4iW \\ [W, E^\pm] = WE^\pm - E^\pm W = \pm 2iE^\pm \\ \mathcal{C} = iW - \frac{1}{2}W^2 + \frac{1}{2}E^+E^-. \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

The Haar measure on  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \varphi(g) dg = \\ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \right) \frac{dx dy}{y^2} dt, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ . We define spaces  $L^p(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) using this measure. The Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  has the following inner product:

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_2 = \int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \varphi(g) \overline{\psi(g)} dg. \tag{5}$$

The group  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts on  $L^2(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  via the right translations. In this way we obtain the unitary representation  $r$ . The induced measure on  $\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is given by

$$\int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \left( \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \psi(\gamma g) \right) dg = \int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(g) dg \quad \psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})). \tag{6}$$

The Hilbert space  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  has the following inner product:

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \varphi(g) \overline{\psi(g)} dg. \tag{7}$$

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The space of cusp forms  $\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  consists of all functions  $\psi \in C^\infty(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  satisfying the following conditions ([1], Definition 5.5, Corollary 5.8, Definition 7.8, Corollary 7.9):

$$\psi(\gamma g) = \psi(g), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma, \quad g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$\psi$  is  $K$ -finite on the right

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$$\int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} |\psi(g)|^2 dg < \infty$$

$$\int_{\Gamma \cap U_P \backslash U_P} \psi(ug) du = 0, \quad g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad \text{for all } \Gamma\text{-cuspidal parabolic subgroups } P.$$

(Here  $U_P$  is the unipotent radical of  $P$ .) Furthermore, for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we write  $\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$  for the subspace of  $\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  consisting of all  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  satisfying the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(gk) &= \chi_m(k)\psi(g), \quad k \in K, \quad g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \\ \mathcal{C}.\psi &= \left(\frac{m^2}{2} - m\right)\psi. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Next, for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define holomorphic functions on  $X$  by the following formula:

$$f_{k,m}(z) = (z - i)^k (z + i)^{-k-m}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

We write  $F_{k,m} : \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  for the function corresponding to  $f_{k,m}$ . It is defined by the following expression:

$$F_{k,m}(g) = f_{k,m}(g.i)\mu(g, i)^{-m}.$$

Using the Iwasawa decomposition we obtain the following:

$$F_{k,m} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \right) = y^{m/2} \exp(mt i) f_{k,m}(z),$$

where  $z = x + iy$ . We list some basic properties of the function  $F_{k,m}$  ([4], Lemma 2-13):

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $k \geq 0$ . Then we have the following:*

(i)  $F_{k,m}(k_1 g k_2) = \chi_{m+2k}(k_1) F_{k,m}(g) \chi_m(k_2), \quad k_1, k_2 \in K, \quad g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}).$

(ii)  $F_{k,m} \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} = (\cosh t)^{-k-m} (\sinh t)^k / (2i)^m, \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$

(iii) *If  $m \geq 3$ , then  $F_{k,m} \in L^1(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ .*

(iv)  $\mathcal{C}.F_{k,m} = \left(\frac{m^2}{2} - m\right) F_{k,m}.$

(v)  $E^- \cdot F_{k,m} = 0$ .

There is a misprint in ([4], Lemma 2-13(i)). The statement there should be as in Lemma 2.1(i). We recall ([4], Lemma 2-9)

**Lemma 2.2.** *Assume that  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a discrete subgroup of finite covolume. Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Then the series  $P_\Gamma(F_{k,m})(g) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} F_{k,m}(\gamma \cdot g)$  converges absolutely and uniformly on compact sets to an element of*

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{cusp}}(\Gamma \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m.$$

The main result of this section is the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{cusp}}(\Gamma \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$ . Then, the Peterson inner product of  $\psi$  and  $P_\Gamma(F_{k,m})$  is given by*

$$\langle \psi, P_\Gamma(F_{k,m}) \rangle = \frac{\pi i^m}{2^{m+k-2}(m-1)m \cdots (m+k-1)} (E^+)^k \cdot \psi(1).$$

**Proof.** First, we prove that

$$\langle \psi, P_\Gamma(F_{k,m}) \rangle = \lambda_{k,m} \cdot (E^+)^k \cdot \psi(1), \tag{9}$$

where the constant  $\lambda_{k,m}$  is given by

$$\lambda_{k,m} = \frac{\pi}{m-1} \cdot \frac{\overline{(E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m}(1)}}{2^{2k-2} \cdot k! \cdot m(m+1)(m+2) \cdots (m+k-1)}. \tag{10}$$

We compute the constant  $\lambda_{k,m}$  in Lemma 3.1.

We begin the proof of (9) by the following lemma which lists additional properties of the functions  $F_{k,m}$  (see also Lemma 2.1):

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $k \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 2$ . Then we have the following:*

- (i)  $F_{k,m} \in L^2(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ .
- (ii) *The minimal closed subspace generated by  $F_{k,m}$  in  $L^2(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  under the right translations of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is an irreducible representation isomorphic to the holomorphic discrete series  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  of lowest weight  $m \geq 2$ . (The representation  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  is for example described in the proof of Lemma 3-1 in [4].)*
- (iii) *For all  $l \geq 0$*

$$(E^-)^l (E^+)^l \cdot F_{k,m} = ((-1)^l 2^{2l} l! \cdot m(m+2) \cdots (m+l-1)) F_{k,m}.$$

- (iv) *In the action on  $L^2(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ , the (unbounded) operator  $-E^-$  is the Hermitian contragredient of  $E^+$ .*

**Proof.** (i) and (ii) are proved in the course of the proof of ([4], Lemma 3-5). (iii) is a consequence of the infinitesimal structure of the representation  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  i.e., the explicit action of the unbounded linear operators given by (2) and (3) (and Lemma 2.1 (v)). This is standard and well-known (see [2], pages 119–120 for similar computations). We let

$$G_0 = F_{k,m}, \quad G_l = \frac{2^{-l}}{m(m+1) \cdots (m+l-1)} (E^+)^l . F_{k,m}, \quad l \geq 1.$$

Using (see [2], page 119 (2) with  $s = m - 1$ ) we find the following ( $l \geq 0$ ):

$$\begin{cases} W.G_l = i(m+2l)G_l \\ E^+.G_l = 2(m+l)G_{l+1} \\ E^-.G_l = (-2l)G_{l-1}, \quad G_{-1} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} (E^-)^l (E^+)^l . F_{k,m} &= 2^l \cdot m(m+1) \cdots (m+l-1) \times \\ &\times (E^-)^l . G_l = (-1)^l 2^{2l} l! \cdot m(m+1) \cdots (m+l-1) \cdot G_0. \end{aligned}$$

This proves (iii). Finally, (iv) follows from the general fact about unitary representations using the description of the operators  $E^\pm$  given on ([2], pages 114–115). ■

The following lemma is the key point for the proof of (9):

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $(r, L^2(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})))$  denote the unitary representation of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  on  $L^2(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  by the right translations  $r$ . Assume that  $m \geq 2$ . Then,  $F_{k,m}(g)$  is given by*

$$\frac{(E^+)^k . F_{k,m}(1)}{2^{2k} \cdot k! \cdot m(m+1) \cdots (m+k-1) \cdot \langle F_{k,m}, F_{k,m} \rangle_2} \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k . F_{k,m} \rangle_2,$$

for all  $g \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Proof.** The function  $g \mapsto \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k . F_{k,m} \rangle_2$  is a matrix coefficient of the unitary representation generated by  $F_{k,m}$  in  $L^2(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ . By Lemma 2.4 (ii), this is a matrix coefficient of  $(\pi_m, D_m)$ . It is easy to check that

$$\langle r(k_1 g k_2)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k . F_{k,m} \rangle_2 = \chi_{m+2k}(k_1) \cdot \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k . F_{k,m} \rangle_2 \cdot \chi_m(k_2),$$

for all  $k_1, k_2 \in K$  an  $g \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , using the description of the action of  $W$  given in the proof of Lemma 2.4. (We remind the reader that  $W$  spans the Lie algebra of  $K$ .) But the space of matrix coefficients of  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  that transforms on the right as  $\chi_m$  and on the left as  $\chi_{m+2k}$  is one dimensional as the description of  $K$ -types of  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  shows (see for example [4], (3-3)). But then ([4], Lemma 3-5) shows that there exists a constant  $\mu$  such that

$$F_{k,m}(g) = \mu \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k . F_{k,m} \rangle_2, \quad \text{for all } g \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}). \tag{11}$$

It remains to compute  $\mu$ . If we  $E^+$ -differentiate the equation (11)  $k$  times at  $g = 1$ , then we obtain

$$(E^+)^k.F_{k,m}(1) = \mu\langle (E^+)^k.F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k.F_{k,m}\rangle_2.$$

Using Lemma 2.4 (iii) and (iv), we find the following:

$$\begin{aligned} (E^+)^k.F_{k,m}(1) &= \mu\langle (E^+)^k.F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k.F_{k,m}\rangle_2 \\ &= \mu\langle F_{k,m}, (-E^-)^k.(E^+)^k.F_{k,m}\rangle_2 \\ &= \mu \cdot 2^{2k} \cdot k! \cdot m(m+1) \cdots (m+k-1)\langle F_{k,m}, F_{k,m}\rangle_2. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma. ■

Let  $d(\pi_m)$  be the formal degree of the holomorphic discrete series  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  of lowest weight  $m \geq 2$  defined with the respect to the Haar measure (4). It is defined via Schur’s orthogonality:

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $(\pi, D)$  be the unitary representation on the Hilbert space  $D$  with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Assume that  $(\pi, D)$  is unitarily equivalent to  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  where  $m \geq 2$ . Then there exists  $d(\pi_m) > 0$  such that*

$$\int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} |\langle \pi(g)x, y \rangle|^2 dg = \frac{1}{d(\pi_m)} \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle, \quad x, y \in D. \tag{12}$$

We have the following:

$$d(\pi_m) = \frac{m-1}{4\pi} \tag{13}$$

**Proof.** The existence of the constant  $d(\pi_m) > 0$  such that (12) holds is well-known. See for example ([7], Lemma 4.5.9.1). The deep fact due to Harish-Chandra is that  $d(\pi_m)$  is the Plancherel measure (corresponding to the Haar measure (4)) of the point in the unitary dual of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  which corresponds to  $(\pi_m, D_m)$ . (see for example ([7], Theorem 7.2.1.2)). The explicit Plancherel formula for  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  can be found in ([2], page 174). The Haar measure used there is a half of our Haar measure. Then the Plancherel measure there is the twice the Plancherel measure here. (See the paragraph in [7], Theorem 7.2.1.1.) ■

Now, we complete the proof of (9). We remind the reader that

$$\langle \psi, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(g) \overline{\varphi(g)} dg$$

is the inner product on  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  and that we write  $r_\Gamma$  for the right-regular representation of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  on  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ .

In order to prove (9), we must compute the inner product

$$\langle \psi, P_\Gamma(F_{k,m}) \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(g) \overline{P_\Gamma(F_{k,m}(g))} dg = \int_{\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg. \tag{14}$$



The last equality holds since  $\psi$  is bounded (being a cusp form (see [1], Corollary 7.9)) and Lemma 2.1 (iii) is valid.

Let  $\mathcal{H} \subset L^2_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  be the closed subspace generated by  $\psi$  under the the right translations  $r_\Gamma$  of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . By ([4], Lemma 3-4),  $\mathcal{H}$  is irreducible and isomorphic to the holomorphic discrete series  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  of lowest weight  $m \geq 3$ . We recall that ([4], (3-3)) and the proof of Lemma 3-4 in [4] imply that the infinitesimal structure of  $\mathcal{H}$  is the following:

$$\mathcal{H}_K = \bigoplus_{l \geq 0} \mathbb{C} \left( (E^+)^l \cdot \psi \right) \quad (\text{the orthogonal direct sum}), \tag{15}$$

where the vector  $(E^+)^l \cdot \psi$  is non-zero and transforms under  $K$  as  $\chi_{m+2l}$ , for all  $l \geq 0$ .

Next, and this is the key point (see also the proof of Lemma 2.5), ([4], Lemma 3-5) shows that there exists  $\mu \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  such that

$$F_{k,m}(g) = \mu \cdot \langle r_\Gamma(g)\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle \text{ for all } g \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \tag{16}$$

since they are both non-zero matrix coefficients of  $(\pi_m, D_m)$  which transform on the right as  $\chi_m$  and on the left as  $\chi_{m+2k}$ .

We consider the integral

$$\varphi(x) = \int_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(xg) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg, \quad x \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}). \tag{17}$$

Obviously, by the definition of the action of  $\overline{F_{k,m}} \in L^1(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  on the unitary representation  $\mathcal{H}$ , we have  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since, we have the following:

$$\varphi(xu) = \int_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(xug) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg = \int_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(xg) \overline{F_{k,m}(u^{-1}g)} dg = \chi_{m+2k}(u)\varphi(x),$$

where  $x \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u \in K$ , applying Lemma 2.1 (i), (15) implies that there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\varphi = \lambda \cdot (E^+)^k \cdot \psi. \tag{18}$$

We compute  $\lambda$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \cdot \langle (E^+)^k \cdot \psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle &= \langle \varphi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle \\ &= \langle r_\Gamma(\overline{F_{k,m}})\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle = \int_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \langle r_\Gamma(g)\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle \cdot \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg \\ &= \bar{\mu} \int_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \langle r_\Gamma(g)\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle \cdot \overline{\langle r_\Gamma(g)\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle} dg \\ &= \frac{\bar{\mu}}{d(\pi_m)} \langle \psi, \psi \rangle \cdot \langle (E^+)^k \cdot \psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows by using the Schur's orthogonality relation (see Lemma 2.6). Hence,

$$\lambda = \frac{\bar{\mu}}{d(\pi_m)} \langle \psi, \psi \rangle.$$

Combining with (18), we obtain

$$\varphi = \frac{\bar{\mu}\langle\psi, \psi\rangle}{d(\pi_m)} \cdot (E^+)^k \cdot \psi. \tag{19}$$

Hence, (14) and (17) imply

$$\langle\psi, P_\Gamma(F_{k,m})\rangle = \varphi(1) = \frac{\bar{\mu}\langle\psi, \psi\rangle}{d(\pi_m)} \cdot (E^+)^k \cdot \psi(1). \tag{20}$$

To complete the proof of the theorem, we must compute the scalar  $\mu$  (see (16)). We write  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  for the irreducible subrepresentation of  $L^2(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  generated by  $F_{k,m}$  (see Lemma 2.4). Let  $\Psi$  be a unitary isomorphism  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\infty$ . Considering the  $K$ -types (see (15)), we see that we must have

$$\Psi\psi = \eta F_{k,m},$$

for some  $\eta \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ . The scalar  $\eta$  is easy to handle. It satisfies

$$|\eta|^2 = \langle\psi, \psi\rangle / \langle F_{k,m}, F_{k,m}\rangle_2.$$

Also, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r_\Gamma(g)\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle &= \langle \Psi(r_\Gamma(g)\psi), \Psi((E^+)^k \cdot \psi) \rangle_2 = \langle r(g)\Psi\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \Psi\psi \rangle_2 = \\ &= \langle r(g)(\eta F_{k,m}), \eta((E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m}) \rangle_2 = |\eta|^2 \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m} \rangle_2 = \\ &= \frac{\langle\psi, \psi\rangle}{\langle F_{k,m}, F_{k,m}\rangle_2} \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m} \rangle_2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, using (16), we find the following:

$$F_{k,m}(g) = \mu \cdot \langle r_\Gamma(g)\psi, (E^+)^k \cdot \psi \rangle = \mu \frac{\langle\psi, \psi\rangle}{\langle F_{k,m}, F_{k,m}\rangle_2} \langle r(g)F_{k,m}, (E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m} \rangle_2.$$

Hence Lemma 2.5 implies

$$\mu\langle\psi, \psi\rangle = \frac{(E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m}(1)}{2^{2k} \cdot k! \cdot m(m+1) \cdots (m+k-1)}$$

Combining this with (20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\psi, P_\Gamma(F_{k,m})\rangle &= \frac{\bar{\mu}\langle\psi, \psi\rangle}{d(\pi_m)} \cdot (E^+)^k \cdot \psi(1) \\ &= \frac{\overline{(E^+)^k \cdot F_{k,m}(1)}}{d(\pi_m) \cdot 2^{2k} \cdot k! \cdot m(m+1) \cdots (m+k-1)} \cdot (E^+)^k \cdot \psi(1). \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

This proves (9) for  $\psi \neq 0$ . The formula clearly is valid for  $\psi = 0$ . The constant  $\lambda_{k,m}$  is computed in Lemma 3.1. ■

**3. Transfer to Upper–Half Plane and the Proof of Corollary 1.2**

Let  $f \in S_m(\Gamma)$ . Then the function defined by the following expression:

$$F_f(g) = f(g.i)\mu(g, i)^{-m}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$ . Moreover, the map  $f \mapsto F_f$  is an isomorphism of vector spaces  $S_m(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{cusp}(\Gamma \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))_m$ . This follows from ([4], Lemma 4-1). Using the Iwasawa decomposition (1) we obtain the following:

$$F_f \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \right) = y^{m/2} \exp(mti) f(z). \tag{22}$$

We prove the following technical lemma which computes the constant  $\lambda_{k,m}$  (see (9)) and completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function on the upper half plane. We define  $F_f$  by the formula (22). Then*

$$\frac{1}{2^k} (E^+)^k . F_f(1) = \sum_{l=0}^k (2i)^l \binom{k}{l} \prod_{j=l}^{k-1} (m+j) \frac{d^l f(z)}{dz^l} \Big|_{z=i}.$$

Moreover, we have the following:

$$\lambda_{k,m} = \frac{\pi i^m}{2^{m+k-2} (m-1)m \cdots (m+k-1)}.$$

**Proof.** This is elementary. We just indicate the proof and leave details to the reader. Using (2) and (22) we find that  $(E^+)^k . F_f(1)$  is equal to

$$\left( 2iye^{2it} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) - ie^{2it} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^k y^{m/2} \exp(mti) f(z) \Big|_{x=0, y=1, t=0}.$$

Now, one proceeds by induction on  $k \geq 0$ . For the formula for  $\lambda_{k,m}$  we use its definition (10), the first claim of the lemma, and the fact that  $F_{k,m} = F_{f_{k,m}}$ . ■

Next,  $S_m(\Gamma)$  is a finite–dimensional Hilbert space under the inner product:

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash X} y^m f_1(z) \overline{f_2(z)} \frac{dx dy}{y^2}.$$

We prove

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\epsilon_\Gamma = \#(\{\pm 1\} \cap \Gamma)$ . Then, we have the following:  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \epsilon_\Gamma \langle F_{f_1}, F_{f_2} \rangle$ .*

**Proof.** This lemma is well-known. We sketch the proof. Let  $U$  be the interior of the fundamental domain of  $\Gamma$  in  $X$ . Then the integral over  $\Gamma \backslash X$  can be replaced by the one over  $U$ . In view of the Iwasawa decomposition (1), we let  $V$  be the set of all  $g$  such that  $x + iy \in U$ , and  $t \in ]0, 2\pi/\epsilon_\Gamma[$ . Then, we claim that  $V \cdot V^{-1} \cap \Gamma = \{1\}$ . Indeed, if  $g$  and  $\gamma g$  belong to  $V$ , then acting on  $i$ , we find that  $x + iy \in U$  and  $\gamma.(x + iy) \in U$ . Hence  $\gamma = \pm 1$ . But, (1) and the assumption on  $t$  forces  $\gamma = 1$ .

We combine the fact that  $V \cdot V^{-1} \cap \Gamma = \{1\}$  with the integral formula (6). So, let  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ . Put  $\varphi(g) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \psi(\gamma g)$ . Then, (6), implies that

$$\int_{\Gamma \backslash \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \varphi(g) dg = \int_{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})} \psi(g) dg = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \int_V \psi(\gamma g) dg = \int_V \varphi(g) dg.$$

Using (4), the last integral can be written as follows:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_U \int_0^{2\pi/\epsilon_\Gamma} \varphi \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & y^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \right) \frac{dx dy}{y^2} dt.$$

Now, (7) and (22) imply the following:

$$\langle F_{f_1}, F_{f_2} \rangle = \frac{2\pi/\epsilon_\Gamma}{2\pi} \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle. \quad \blacksquare$$

For  $m \geq 3$ , we let ( $k \geq 0$ )

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{k,m}(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2^k \bar{\lambda}_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (\gamma.z - i)^k (\gamma.z + i)^{-k-m} \mu(\gamma, z)^{-m}. \quad (23)$$

Now, we can restate Theorem 2.3 as follows:

**Lemma 3.3.** *Assume that  $m \geq 3$ . Then, for  $f \in S_m(\Gamma)$ , we have the following:*

$$\langle f, \tilde{\Delta}_{k,m} \rangle = \sum_{l=0}^k (2i)^l \binom{k}{l} \prod_{j=l}^{k-1} (m+j) \frac{d^l f(z)}{dz^l} \Big|_{z=i}.$$

**Proof.** It is proved in ([4], Lemma 4-2) that

$$P_\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2^k \bar{\lambda}_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma} F_{k,m} \right) = F_{\tilde{\Delta}_{k,m}}.$$

Now, using Theorem 2.3 and Lemma 3.2 we find that

$$\langle f, \tilde{\Delta}_{k,m} \rangle = \epsilon_\Gamma \langle F_f, F_{\tilde{\Delta}_{k,m}} \rangle = \epsilon_\Gamma \frac{1}{2^k \bar{\lambda}_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma} \langle F_f, P_\Gamma (F_{k,m}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2^k} (E^+)^k . F_f(1).$$

Now, we apply Lemma 3.1 to prove the lemma. \blacksquare

Now, we are ready to begin the proof of Corollary 1.2. The first step is the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.4.** *Assume that  $m \geq 3$ . Let  $f \in S_m(\Gamma)$ . Then we have the following ( $k \geq 0$ ):*

$$\langle f, \Delta_{k,m,i,1} \rangle = \frac{d^k f(z)}{dz^k} \Big|_{z=i}.$$

(Here  $\mathbf{1}$  denotes the trivial character of  $\Gamma$ .)

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 3.3 by rewriting the expression for  $\tilde{\Delta}_{k,m}$  applying the binomial theorem to  $(\gamma.z - i)^k = ((\gamma.z + i) - 2i)^k$ . ■

We remove the assumption that the point in which we compute the derivatives is  $i$ . First, we recall

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $g \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Put  $\Gamma' = g\Gamma g^{-1}$ . Then the map*

$$f \mapsto f|_m g^{-1} = \mu(g^{-1}, \cdot)^{-m} f(g^{-1} \cdot)$$

*is an isomorphism of vector spaces  $S_m(\Gamma) \rightarrow S_m(\Gamma')$  which preserves the inner products on them. The inverse map  $S_m(\Gamma') \rightarrow S_m(\Gamma)$  is given by  $f \mapsto f|_m g$*

**Proof.** Indeed, it is a linear isomorphism by ([3], page 40, (2.1.18)). The formula for the inverse is immediate from the cocycle condition of  $\mu$ . The fact that the map preserves the inner products follows from the fact that the measure  $\frac{dx dy}{y^2}$  is  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant (see [3], 1.4) and  $\text{Im}(g.z) = \text{Im}(z)/|\mu(g, z)|^2$  (see [3], (1.1.7)). ■

**Lemma 3.6.** *Assume that  $m \geq 3$ . Let  $\xi \in X$  be a fixed point and let  $\Gamma$  be a discrete subgroup of  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  of finite covolume. Let*

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \text{Re}(\xi) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Im}(\xi)^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & \text{Im}(\xi)^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\Gamma' = g^{-1}\Gamma g.$$

Let  $f \in S_m(\Gamma)$ . Then we have the following:

$$\langle f, \Delta_{k,m,i,1}^{\Gamma'}|_m g^{-1} \rangle = (\text{Im}(\xi))^{m/2+k} \frac{d^k f(z)}{dz^k} \Big|_{z=\xi}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

(We write  $\Delta_{k,m,i,1}^{\Gamma'}$  instead of  $\Delta_{k,m,i,1}$  to indicate that this series is for  $\Gamma'$ .)

**Proof.** Put  $\Delta = \Delta_{k,m,i,1}^{\Gamma'}$ . Using Lemmas 3.4 and 3.5, we compute

$$\langle f, \Delta|_m g^{-1} \rangle = \langle (f|_m g)|_m g^{-1}, \Delta|_m g^{-1} \rangle = \langle f|_m g, \Delta \rangle = \frac{d^k (f|_m g(w))}{dw^k} \Big|_{w=i}.$$

It remains to compute the right-hand side. We write  $z = g.w$  or  $w = g^{-1}.z$ . We have the following:

$$f|_m g(w) = \mu(g, w)^{-m} f(g.w) = \mu(g^{-1}, z)^m f(z),$$

since

$$\mu(g, w)\mu(g^{-1}, z) = \mu(g, g^{-1}.z)\mu(g^{-1}, z) = \mu(1, z) = 1$$

by the cocycle identity ([3], (1.1.5)). Using the definition of  $g$ , we find that

$$\mu(g^{-1}, z) = (Im(\xi))^{1/2}.$$

Hence

$$f|_m g(w) = (Im(\xi))^{m/2} f(z).$$

From  $z = g.w$  we see that ([3], (1.4.3))

$$\frac{dz}{dw} = \mu(g, w)^{-2} = \mu(g^{-1}, z)^2 = Im(\xi).$$

Now, by induction on  $k$ , we find the following:

$$\frac{d^k (f|_m g(w))}{dw^k} = (Im(\xi))^{m/2+k} \frac{d^k f(z)}{dz^k}.$$

Since obviously for  $z = \xi$  we obtain

$$w = g^{-1}.z = g^{-1}.\xi = i.$$

the lemma follows. ■

**Lemma 3.7.** *Corollary 1.2 is valid for trivial  $\chi$ .*

**Proof.** In view of Lemma 3.6, we need to show

$$\Delta_{k,m,\xi,1} = (Im(\xi))^{-k-m/2} \Delta_{k,m,i,1}^{\Gamma'}|_m g^{-1}. \tag{24}$$

Using their definitions this is straightforward. ■

**Lemma 3.8.** *Corollary 1.2 is valid for any  $\chi$ .*

**Proof.** The map defined by

$$f \mapsto \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma' \backslash \Gamma} \chi^{-1}(\gamma) f|_m \gamma$$

is the projection from  $S_m(\Gamma')$  onto  $S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$ . Here  $\Gamma'$  is the kernel of  $\chi$ . The inner products on  $S_m(\Gamma')$  and  $S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$  are related by the following elementary formula ( $f \in S_m(\Gamma)$ ,  $f_1 \in S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$ ):

$$\langle f_1, \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma' \backslash \Gamma} \chi^{-1}(\gamma) f|_m \gamma \rangle = \langle f_1, f \rangle_{\Gamma'}.$$

Now, the lemma follows noting that the modular form  $\Delta_{k,m,\xi,\chi}$  is the image under the projection of the modular form  $\Delta_{k,m,\xi,1}^{\Gamma'}$ . ■

4. A Relation to the work of Petersson

We relate our modular forms to those constructed by Petersson [6]. We assume that  $m \geq 3$ . Let  $\xi \in X$ . Among the three types of Poincaré series considered in [6], the elliptic type can be written as follows:

$$\Phi_{k,m,\xi,\chi}(z) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \frac{(\gamma \cdot z - \xi)^k}{(\gamma \cdot z - \bar{\xi})^{k+m}} \mu(\gamma, z)^{-m} \chi(\gamma)^{-1}. \tag{25}$$

The second relation in (14) on page 41 (see also (2) on page 38) in [6] explains the meaning of those forms. In more detail, the mapping  $z \mapsto w = (z - \xi)/(z - \bar{\xi})$  is a holomorphic isomorphism of  $X$  onto the unit disk  $|w| < 1$  which maps  $\xi$  onto 0. If  $f$  is holomorphic function on  $X$ , then we can transfer the function  $(z - \bar{\xi})^m f(z)$  to the unit disk and develop the resulting function  $F(w)$  into the power series centered at 0:

$$(z - \bar{\xi})^m f(z) = F(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(\xi, f) w^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(\xi, f) \left( \frac{z - \xi}{z - \bar{\xi}} \right)^k$$

Thus, we have the following expansion on  $X$ :

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(\xi, f) \frac{(z - \xi)^k}{(z - \bar{\xi})^{k+m}}, \tag{26}$$

which is an analogue of the classical Fourier expansion of modular forms. Next, let  $f \in S_m(\Gamma, \chi)$ . Then, one of the main results in [6] proves that

$$\langle f, \Phi_{k,m,\xi,\chi} \rangle \sim b_k(\xi, f), \tag{27}$$

where  $\sim$  means up to a constant which does not depend on  $f$ . We explain how this follows from our work [4] and how is related to the results of the present paper.

First, discussions like the ones in Lemmas 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 allows us to assume that  $\xi = i$  and  $\chi$  is trivial. Then, using (23), (25) can be written as follows:  $\Phi_{k,m,i,1} = 2^k \bar{\lambda}_{k,m} \in_{\Gamma} \tilde{\Delta}_{k,m}$ . Now, Lemma 3.3 (which is the restatement of Theorem 2.3), implies the following formula:

$$\langle f, \Phi_{k,m,i,1} \rangle = 2^k \lambda_{k,m} \in_{\Gamma} \sum_{l=0}^k (2i)^l \binom{k}{l} \prod_{j=l}^{k-1} (m+j) \frac{d^l f(z)}{dz^l} \Big|_{z=i},$$

for all  $f \in S_m(\Gamma)$ . Next, we reprove (27). To accomplish this, we transfer the expansion (26) when  $\xi = i$  to the group level (see the notation after (8) and the first paragraph in Section 3). We obtain the following:

$$F_f = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(i, f) F_{k,m}, \tag{28}$$

where the series converges uniformly on compact sets in  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Applying Lemma 3.2 and the first line of the proof of Lemma 3.3, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, \Phi_{k,m,i,1} \rangle &= 2^k \lambda_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma \langle f, \tilde{\Delta}_{k,m} \rangle = \\ &= 2^k \lambda_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma \langle F_f, F_{\tilde{\Delta}_{k,m}} \rangle = 2^k \lambda_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma \langle F_f, P_\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2^k \overline{\lambda_{k,m} \epsilon_\Gamma}} F_{k,m} \right) \rangle = \langle F_f, P_\Gamma (F_{k,m}) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Using, (14) this can be further written as follows:

$$\langle f, \Phi_{k,m,i,1} \rangle = \int_{SL_2(\mathbb{R})} F_f(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg. \tag{29}$$

To compute the integral, we represent  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  as an union of increasing sequence of compact sets  $C_1 \subset C_2 \subset \dots$  which satisfy  $KC_j \subset C_j$ . Then, for any  $j \geq 1$ , the fact  $KC_j \subset C_j$  and Lemma 2.1 (i) implies that the functions  $F_{l,m}$  are orthogonal in  $L^2(C_j)$ . Hence, the fact that the expansion (28) converges uniformly on  $C_j$  implies the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C_j} F_f(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} b_l(i, f) \int_{C_j} F_{l,m}(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg \\ &= b_k(i, f) \int_{C_j} F_{k,m}(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg. \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $F_f$  is bounded (being a cusp form) and  $F_{k,m} \in L^1(SL_2(\mathbb{R}))$  (see Lemma 2.1 (iii)) we can take the limit  $j \rightarrow \infty$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, \Phi_{k,m,i,1} \rangle &= \int_{SL_2(\mathbb{R})} F_f(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_j} F_f(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg \\ &= b_k(i, f) \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_j} F_{k,m}(g) \overline{F_{k,m}(g)} dg = b_k(i, f) \|F_{k,m}\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

This is (27) for  $\xi = i$ .

### 5. Corrections to [4]

Corrections: The third sentence in the statement of Theorem 1-6 should be "Assume that  $\sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} f(\cdot + l) \neq 0$  if  $\Gamma_N \in \{\Gamma_0(N), \Gamma_1(N)\}$ .", in Lemma 2-13 (i) we should have  $\chi_{m+2k}$  instead of  $\chi_{-m-2k}$ , in (3-6)  $\chi_{m+2k}$  and  $\chi_{-m-2k}$  should exchange positions, in the statement of Proposition 4-5 the exponent of  $(-1)$  should be  $m+k$ , and  $2 \cdot h^{m+k}$  is  $h^{m+k}$ , and in the proof the first displayed formula starts with  $\pi\sqrt{-1} - 2\pi\sqrt{-1}$  (and remaining formulas in the part of the proof on page 1502 can be easily adjusted.)



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