

# Galois Cohomology (Study Group)

## 1 Cohomology of Arithmetic Groups and Eichler - Shimura Isomorphism

In nice cases we can define an arithmetic group as follow. Let  $K$  be a number field. “An *arithmetic group* is a subgroup of  $G(K)$  that is commensurable with  $G(\mathcal{O}_K)$ . (Where  $G$  is the general linear group)”

*Remark.*  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are commensurable if  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2$  have finite index in  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ . This is an equivalence relation

**Example.**  $\text{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_K), \text{SL}_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$

In particular, we will work with  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}), \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and finite index subgroup of them.

Let  $\Gamma \leq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  be of finite index. We want to have a  $\Gamma$ -module so that we can consider cohomology.

**Definition 1.1.**  $V_k(\mathbb{C}) = \{\text{homogenous degree } k \text{ polynomial in } \mathbb{C}[X, Y]\}$ . We will say that this has “weight”  $k + 2$ .

This has a  $\Gamma$ -action defined by: for  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$

$$P|_{\gamma}(X, Y) = P(aX + cY, bX + dY)$$

**Aside:** You can define the other action by  $P|_{\gamma}(X, Y) = P(dX - cY, -bX + aY)$

*Note.*  $V_0(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}$

**Fact.** For  $\Gamma \leq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of finite index we have that  $H^i(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C})) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 2$ . (This use  $M$ - $V$  and the fact that  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \cong C_4 *_{C_2} C_6$ )

So we are interested in  $H^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C}))$ . Recall the space  $M_k(\Gamma) = \{f : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : (f|_k \gamma)(z) = (cz + d)^k f(\gamma z) = f(z) \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  and  $S_k(\Gamma) \subset M_k(\Gamma)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** The space of *antiholomorphic cusp form*  $\overline{S_k(\Gamma)}$  consists of functions  $\overline{f}(z) := \overline{f(z)}$  with  $f \in S_k(\Gamma)$

**Eichler - Shimura Isomorphism.** Let  $k \geq 2$  and  $\Gamma \leq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  be of finite index. We have the map

$$M_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)} \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})) \quad (\dagger)$$

is an isomorphism.

To define the map, we need to introduce some more notation. Fix  $z_0 \in \mathcal{H}$ , let  $f \in M_k(\Gamma)$  with  $k \geq 2$  and  $g, h \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} I_f(gz_0, hz_0) &:= \int_{gz_0}^{hz_0} f(z)(Xz + Y)^{k-2} dz \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}) \\ I_{\overline{f}}(gz_0, hz_0) &:= \int_{gz_0}^{hz_0} \overline{f(z)}(Xz + Y)^{k-2} dz \in V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}) \end{aligned}$$

The map  $(\dagger)$  is defined as

$$(f, \overline{g}) \mapsto (\gamma \mapsto I_f(z_0, \gamma z_0) + I_{\overline{g}}(z_1, \gamma z_1))$$

One needs to check that this map is independent of the choice of  $z_0$  and  $z_1$  (and it is in fact an isomorphism)

**Definition 1.3.** We define the parabolic cohomology group (or cusp cohomology) via the kernel of the restriction map in

$$0 \rightarrow H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C})) \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C})) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} \prod_{c \in \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})} H^1(\Gamma_c, V_k(\mathbb{C}))$$

where  $\Gamma_c$  is the stabilizer of the cusp  $c$  in  $\Gamma$ .

In weight 2 we can do this topologically. Let  $Y_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$ , then  $Y_\Gamma = k(\Gamma, 1)$  (as described in Matthew's talk). Hence  $H^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^1(Y_\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$ , but we are actually interested in the Borel - Serre compactification of  $Y_\Gamma$ , call it  $X_\Gamma$ . Then  $H^1(Y_\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^1(X_\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$  and we define the cusp cohomology as

$$0 \rightarrow H_{\text{cusp}}^1(X_\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^1(X_\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^1(\partial X_\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$$

Hence topologically,  $H_{\text{cusp}}^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{C}) = \{f : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ vanishes at every cusp}\}$

**Proposition 1.4.** *The Kernel of the composition of the Eichler - Shimura map with the restriction map*

$$M_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)} \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C})) \rightarrow \prod_{c \in \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})} H^1(\Gamma_c, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$$

is equal to  $S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)}$

**Corollary 1.5.** *If  $\Gamma \leq \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  has finite index, then  $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C})) \cong S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)}$*

### 1.0.1 Hecke Operators

We now restrict ourselves to  $\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ A \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : A \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$  and  $\Gamma_1(N) = \left\{ A \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : A \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$

We need to define the following objects:

- $\Delta_0^n(N) = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}) : A \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N}, \det A = n, \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$
- $\Delta_1^n(N) = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}) : A \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N}, \det A = n\}$
- $\Delta_0(N) = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Delta_0^n$
- $\Delta_1(N) = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Delta_1^n$

From now on  $\Delta, \Gamma$  will refer to either the pair  $\Delta_1(N), \Gamma_1(N)$  or  $\Delta_2(N), \Gamma_2(N)$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , define  $\Gamma_\alpha = \Gamma \cap \alpha^{-1}\Gamma\alpha$  and  $\Gamma^\alpha = \Gamma \cap \alpha\Gamma\alpha^{-1}$

*Note.*  $\Gamma, \alpha^{-1}\Gamma\alpha$  and  $\alpha\Gamma\alpha^{-1}$  are all pairwise commensurable

*Notation.* If  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  we let  $\alpha^\iota = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \det(\alpha) \cdot \alpha^{-1}$

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . The Hecke operator  $\tau_\alpha$  on a group cohomology is the composite

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C})) & \xrightarrow{\tau_\alpha} & H^1(\Gamma_1, V_k(\mathbb{C})) \\ \text{res} \downarrow & & \uparrow \text{cores} \\ H^1(\Gamma^\alpha, V_k(\mathbb{C})) & \xrightarrow{\text{conj}_\alpha} & H^1(\Gamma_\alpha, V_k(\mathbb{C})) \end{array}$$

where  $\text{conj}_\alpha$  is defined by  $c \mapsto (g_\alpha \mapsto \alpha^\iota \cdot c(\alpha g_\alpha \alpha^{-1}))$

We can in fact explicitly write down how  $\tau_\alpha$  acts on  $H^1$ .

**Proposition 1.8.** *Let  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , and suppose that  $\Gamma\alpha\Gamma = \sqcup_{i=1}^n \Gamma\beta_i$  (which can always be done). Then  $\tau_\alpha$  acts on  $H^1$  and  $H_{\text{cusps}}^1$  by sending non-homogeneous cocycle  $c$  to  $\tau_\alpha c$  which is defined by*

$$(\tau_\alpha c)(g) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i c(\beta_i g \beta_{\sigma_g(i)}^{-1})$$

where  $\sigma_g(i)$  is such that  $\beta_i g \beta_{\sigma_g(i)}^{-1} \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 1.9.** For a positive integer  $n$ , the Hecke operator  $T_n$  is defined as

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \backslash \Delta^n / \Gamma} \tau_\alpha$$

*Note.* If  $p$  is a prime not dividing  $N$ , then  $T_p$  is  $\tau_\alpha$  for  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Definition 1.10.** We can also define the diamond operator for  $a$  coprime to  $N$ ,  $\langle a \rangle$ , as  $\tau_\alpha$  where  $\alpha$  is such that  $\alpha \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N}$

**Proposition 1.11.** *The Eichler - Shimura isomorphism is compatible with Hecke operators*

In particular we have  $S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)} \cong H_{\text{cusp}}^1(\Gamma, V_{k-2}(\mathbb{C}))$  as Hecke modules. Note that  $H_{\text{cusp}}^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{Z})) \subset H_{\text{cusp}}^1(\Gamma, V_k(\mathbb{C}))$  and that (as the defining diagram make sense), it is stable under the Hecke operators. That is, we have a lattice ( $H^1/\text{Tor}$ ) in  $S_k(\Gamma) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma)}$  that is stable under the Hecke operators, so after fixing a basis, we have that a Hecke operator acts  $T : \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Hence the characteristic polynomial of a Hecke operator is integral.

Let  $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  be a Dirichlet character. Then if a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space  $V$  admits an action of  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  we define

$$V^\chi = \{v \in V : g \cdot v = \chi(g) \cdot v \forall g \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*\}$$

We define  $M_k(\Gamma_1(N), \chi)$  as the  $\chi$ -eigenspace  $M_k(\Gamma_1(N))^\chi$ .

**Theorem 1.12** (Eichler - Shimura). *Let  $N \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 2$  and  $\chi : (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  be a Dirichlet character. Then the Eichler - Shimura map gives an isomorphism*

$$\begin{aligned} M_k(\Gamma_1(N), \chi) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma_1(N), \chi)} &\cong H^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}^\chi(\mathbb{C})) \\ S_k(\Gamma_1(N), \chi) \oplus \overline{S_k(\Gamma_1(N), \chi)} &\cong H_{\text{cusp}}^1(\Gamma_0(N), V_{k-2}^\chi(\mathbb{C})) \end{aligned}$$