

How many automorphic forms are there  
over imaginary quadratic fields?

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Restrict to forms of cohomological type.

How shall we count them? We count them as the level increases.

Related: Understand the growth of cohomology of local systems in arithmetic quotients.

Classical modular forms:

$$Y(N) = \mathbb{H}^2 / \Gamma(N) \quad \Gamma(N) \subset \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\text{Eichler - Shimura: } H_p^1(Y(N), \mathrm{Sym}^{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}^2)) \quad (k \geq 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} k=2: \quad \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_p^1(Y(N), \mathbb{Q}) &= \dim H^1(X(N), \mathbb{Q}) = 2 \text{ genus } X(N) \\ &\sim \text{const.} [\Gamma : \Gamma(N)] \\ &\sim \text{const.} \mathrm{Vol}(Y(N)). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } k \geq 2 \quad \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_p^1(Y(N), \mathrm{Sym}^{k-2}(\mathbb{Q}^2)) \sim C_k \overset{\text{const.}}{\mathrm{Vol}}(Y(N))$$

If  $k=1$ , this is quite different.

Hilbert modular forms, and other classical cases are similar to this case.

Now consider  $F = \text{imag. quad. field}$ ,  $G = \mathrm{GL}_2/F$ ,  $G_{\infty} = G(F \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R})$ ,

$$K_{\infty} = \text{max compact, } \mathbb{Z} \text{ center, } G_{\infty}/K_{\infty}\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{H}^3.$$

A typical arithmetic quotient is  $Y = \mathbb{H}^3 / \mathrm{GL}_2 \mathcal{O}_F$

$$Y(\pi) = \mathbb{H}^3 / (GL_2(\mathcal{O}_F)(\pi)).$$

$$H^i(Y(\pi), \mathbb{Q}), \quad M = 3\text{-mod}, \quad \chi(M) = 0. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Euler char.} \\ \swarrow \end{array} \quad \text{so no real info.}$$

Let  $G_\infty$  be a semisimple real Lie group with unitary dual  $\hat{G}_\infty$ .

Goal is to understand given  $\pi \in \hat{G}_\infty$  the multiplicities with which such representations occur in the space of cusp forms for  $G_\infty$ .

$$G_\infty = G(F \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R}) \quad G = \text{some alg. grp.}$$

$K_\infty = \text{max. compact}$

Choose  $G \hookrightarrow GL_N$ . Define  $G(q) = G_\infty \cap GL_N(\mathbb{Z})$

(means congruent to  $I_N \pmod{q}$ )

Arithmetic lattice  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma(q) = \Gamma \cap G(q)$ . Define the arithmetic quotient

$$Y(q) = \Gamma(q) \backslash G_\infty / K_\infty.$$

Set  $m(\pi, \Gamma(q)) = \text{mult. in which } \pi \text{ occurs in reg. rep.}$

of  $G_\infty$  on  $L_{\text{cusp}}^2(\Gamma(q), G_\infty)$ . Set  $V(q) = \text{vol}(Y(q))$ .

Similarly, understand  $H^i(Y(q), \mathbb{V})$  in terms of  $V(q)$ .   
  $\swarrow$  some local system.

Trivial remark:  $H^i(Y(q), \mathbb{V}) \ll V(q)$

$Y(1)$  - choose cell decomp., say  $M$  cells. Then

$Y(q)$  has decomp with  $[\Gamma : \Gamma(q)] \cdot M$  cells.

$$\Rightarrow \dim H^i(Y(q), \mathbb{Q}) \ll V(q).$$

The key issue is whether  $\pi$  is a discrete series or not. One expects a discrete series when has an auto. form coming from a Shimura variety. Everything else should not be a discrete series.

$$\lim_{N(q) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(\pi, \Gamma(q))}{V(q)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \pi \text{ not discrete series} \\ \neq 0 & \pi \text{ discrete series.} \end{cases}$$

$$\pi \rightarrow \text{non-tempered} \rightarrow m(\pi, \Gamma(q)) \ll V(q)^{1-\mu}, \mu > 0$$

Conjecture (Sarnak-Xue):

$$m(\pi, \Gamma(q)) \ll V(q)^{\frac{2}{p} + \epsilon}$$

$$p = \inf \{ p \geq 2 : \text{matrix coeff of } \pi \text{ are in } L^p \}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2 & \pi \text{ discrete series} \\ 2 & \pi \text{ tempered} \\ > 2 & \pi \text{ not tempered.} \end{cases}$$

For tempered <sup>not discrete series</sup> reps,  $m(\pi, \Gamma(q)) \ll \frac{\Gamma(q)}{\log V(q)}$

Thm (C-Emerton):  $\pi \in \hat{G}_{\infty}$ . Suppose ~~the~~  $G_{\infty}$  does not admit discrete series, then if  $q$  is prime in  $\mathcal{O}_F$

$$m(\pi, \Gamma(q^k)) \ll_{\Gamma, \pi, \mathbb{Z}} V(q^k)^{1 - \frac{1}{\dim G_{\infty}}}.$$

Also,

$$\dim H^i(Y(q^k), \mathbb{Q}) \ll V(q^k)^{1 - \frac{1}{\dim G_{\infty}}}$$

either if  $G_{\infty}$  has no discrete series or  $i \neq \frac{1}{2} \dim G_{\infty}/K_{\infty}$ .

Example:  $F = \text{Imag, quad.}$   $q \in \mathcal{O}_F$ ,  $N(q) = p = \text{prime}$ .

$$\dim H^1(\mathbb{H}^3/\Gamma(q^k), \mathbb{Q}) \ll p^{2k}$$

cf  $H^1(\mathbb{H}^3/\Gamma(q^k), \mathbb{Q}) \neq 0$ , for any  $k$ , then  $\geq p^k$ .

Thm (C-Dunfield): There exist arithmetic lattices  $\Gamma \subseteq GL_2 \mathbb{C}$ ,  
 $q$  s.t.  $\dim H^1(\mathbb{H}^3/\Gamma(q^k), \mathbb{Q}) = 0$  for all  $k$ .

Look at

$$\tilde{H}^i := \varprojlim_n \varinjlim_k H^i(\Upsilon(q^k), \mathbb{Z}/p^n \mathbb{Z})$$

cf  $G = \varprojlim \Gamma/\Gamma(q^k)$ , then  $\tilde{H}^i$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[G]] = \Lambda$ -module.

$\tilde{H}^i$  is cofinitely generated as a  $\Lambda$ -module.

Thm (Zagier):  $\Lambda$  is a Noetherian ring.

① need to understand some elementary facts about cofinitely generated  $\Lambda$ -modules

② control theorem: recovers  $H^i(\Upsilon(q), \mathbb{Q}_p)$  from  $\tilde{H}^i$ .

③ some input: exactly that  $m(\pi, \Gamma(q^k)) = 0(\mathbb{V}(q^k))$ .

Lemma (M. Harris):  $G = \varprojlim \Gamma / \Gamma(q^k)$ ,  $d = \dim G$

$$G_k = \ker(G \rightarrow \Gamma / \Gamma(q^k)).$$

if  $M$  is a finitely generated  $\Lambda$ -module, then

$$\dim(M^{G_k} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p) = r(M)p^{dk} + O(p^{(d-1)k}).$$

Trivial consequence:

$$H^i(G_k, M) = O(p^{(d-1)k}) \text{ for } i \geq 1.$$

This is enough to deduce the theorem.

How big is  $\tilde{H}^i$ ?

Construct homology analogs  $\tilde{H}_i$ .

Def:  $M$  f.g.  $\Lambda$ -module.

$$\text{codim}(M) = \inf \{ i : \text{Ext}^i(M, \Lambda) \neq 0 \}$$

Thm (C. Emerton): if  $G = GL_2/F = \text{img. quad}$ , then

$$\text{codim}(\tilde{H}_1) = 1.$$

Go back to general  $G$ . Let  $q_0 = \text{Borel-Wallach } q_0$ ,  $d = \dim G$

$$q_0 = \frac{d-l_0}{2} \quad l_0 = \text{rank of } G_{\infty} - \text{rank max comp.}$$

$$\text{Corj: } \text{Ext}^{d-2q_0}(\tilde{H}_{q_0}, \Lambda) \cong \tilde{H}_{2q_0}.$$