

L-functions and applications

7. Exercise Sheet



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Exercise G1

Let $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n \in \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$ and $L(f, s) = \sum \frac{a(n)}{n^s}$ its L-series.

- (a) Using the fact that $g = f|W_N = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b(n)q^n \in \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(N), \bar{\chi})$, where $W = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ N & \end{pmatrix}$, show that $L(f, s)$ has meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} and $\Lambda(f, s) := N^{s/2}(2\pi)^{-s}\Gamma(s)L(f, s)$ satisfies

$$\Lambda(f, s) = i^k \Lambda(g, k-s)$$

with (possibly) simple poles at $s = 0$ and $s = k$ of residues a_0 and $-b_0$ respectively.

- (b) Assuming that f is a newform and using the fact that $a(n) = O(n^{k/2})$, show that for $\text{Re } s > \frac{k}{2} + 1$

$$L(f, s) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \frac{1}{1 - a(p)p^{-s} + \chi(p)p^{k-1-2s}}.$$

Exercise G2 (Eisenstein series)

Let $k \geq 1$ and ϕ and ψ be two Dirichlet characters modulo N_1 and N_2 respectively with $\phi(-1)\psi(-1) = (-1)^k$. The Eisenstein series

$$E_k^{\phi, \psi}(\tau) = c(k, \phi, \psi) + \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\sum_{m|n} \phi(n/m)\psi(m)m^{k-1} \right) e^{2\pi i n \tau},$$

where $c(k, \phi, \psi) \in \mathbb{C}$ is an explicit constant that is not important for this exercise, defines a modular form in $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma_0(N_1 N_2), \phi\psi)$ (you can use this as a fact). Show that

$$L(E_k^{\phi, \psi}, s) = L(\phi, s)L(\psi, s - k + 1)$$

and hence in particular, if $\phi(-1)\psi(-1) = -1$, $L(E_1^{\phi, \psi}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{N_1 N_2})/\mathbb{Q}, \phi \oplus \psi, s)$. Here we interpret ϕ and ψ as characters of $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{N_1 N_2})) = (\mathbb{Z}/N_1 N_2 \mathbb{Z})^\times$ using the fact that $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{N_1 N_2}))$ surjects both onto $(\mathbb{Z}/N_1 \mathbb{Z})^\times$ and $(\mathbb{Z}/N_2 \mathbb{Z})^\times$. This gives the first, and easiest, example of Theorem 9.5 from the lectures.

Exercise G3 (B)

Let ρ be an even irreducible 2-dimensional representation of a finite Galois group $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$. Let $K_0(y) = \int_0^\infty \cos(y \sinh t) dt$ be a K -Bessel function. Let a_n be the Dirichlet coefficients of $\mathcal{L}(L/\mathbb{Q}, \rho, s)$ and define

$$F(x + iy) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{n}} y^{1/2} K_0(2\pi n y) \cos(2\pi n x)$$

as a function on the upper half plane. Show that there exists $N \geq 1$ and a Dirichlet character modulo N such that F is modular of level N in the following sense:

$$\forall \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N) \quad F\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = \chi(d)F(\tau).$$

The function F is not holomorphic but it is an eigenfunction of the differential operator $-y^2(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2})$ with eigenvalue $1/4$. Such functions are called **Maass forms** and this exercise is wide open.