

ON ELLIPTIC CURVES WITH COMPLEX
 MULTIPLICATION AS FACTORS OF
 THE JACOBIANS OF MODULAR
 FUNCTION FIELDS

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1. As Hecke showed, every L -function of an imaginary quadratic field K with a Grössen-character λ is the Mellin transform of a cusp form $f(z)$ belonging to a certain congruence subgroup Γ of $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$. We can normalize λ so that

$$\lambda((\alpha)) = \alpha^\nu \quad \text{for } \alpha \in K, \alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$$

with a positive integer ν , where c is the conductor of λ , and \pmod{c} means the multiplicative congruence modulo c . Then $f(z)$ is of weight $\nu+1$, i.e.,

$$f((az+b)/(cz+d)) = f(z)(cz+d)^{\nu+1} \quad \text{for } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma,$$

and Γ is given by

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbf{Z}) \mid a \equiv d \equiv 1, c \equiv 0 \pmod{D \cdot N(c)} \right\},$$

where $-D$ is the discriminant of K . If $\nu = 1$, $f(z)dz$ is a differential form of the first kind on the compactification $(H/\Gamma)^*$ of the quotient H/Γ , where H denotes the upper half complex plane. Denote by $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma)$ the jacobian variety of $(H/\Gamma)^*$, and identify the tangent space of $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma)$ at the origin with the space of all differential forms of the first kind on $(H/\Gamma)^*$. Let A be the smallest abelian subvariety of $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma)$ that has $f(z)dz$ as a tangent at the origin. Then the first main result of this paper can be stated as follows:

The abelian variety A is a product of copies of an elliptic curve whose endomorphism algebra is isomorphic to K .

Hecke [3] proved this fact in the case where $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-q})$ with a prime $q > 3, \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $c = (\sqrt{-q})$. In the general case, he showed only that

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the periods of $f(z)dz$ belong to a certain class field over K . His proof requires rather deep arithmetic results of complex multiplication. Ours is simpler, and based on the following

LEMMA 1. *Let X be an abelian variety of dimension n defined over \mathbf{C} , and h an injective homomorphism of K into $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(X)$. Suppose that the representation of K , through h , on the tangent space of X at the origin is equivalent to n copies of the identity injection of K into \mathbf{C} . Then X is isogenous to a product of n copies of an elliptic curve E such that $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(E)$ is isomorphic to K .*

Here and henceforth we denote by $\text{End}(X)$ the ring of all endomorphisms of X over \mathbf{C} , and put $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(X) = \text{End}(X) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$.

Our next purpose is to show that every elliptic curve E defined over \mathbf{Q} with complex multiplication is isogenous over \mathbf{Q} to a factor of $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma')$ for some Γ' in the following way. By virtue of Deuring's result [1], if K is isomorphic to $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(E)$, the zeta-function of E over \mathbf{Q} is exactly the L -function of a certain Grössen-character λ of K . Then we obtain an abelian variety A by the procedure described above, i.e.,

elliptic curve $E \rightarrow$ zeta-function with a Grössen-character λ
 \rightarrow cusp form $f(z) \rightarrow$ abelian subvariety A of $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma')$.

In this situation, we shall prove:

A is an elliptic curve isogenous to E over \mathbf{Q} .

This is an easy consequence of the results in the previous articles [7], [8]. If $-D$ is the discriminant of K , and c is the conductor of λ , the group Γ' is of the form

$$\Gamma' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbf{Z}) \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{(D \cdot N(c))} \right\}.$$

2. Let us first prove the above lemma. Although it is a special case of [6, Prop. 14], we give here a direct proof for the reader's convenience.

Identify X with a complex torus \mathbf{C}^n/L with a lattice L . Let $\mathbf{Q} \cdot L$ denote the \mathbf{Q} -linear span of L . Then K acts, through h , on $\mathbf{Q} \cdot L$, so that there exists a K -linear isomorphism p of K^n onto $\mathbf{Q} \cdot L$, where K^n is the submodule of \mathbf{C}^n consisting of the vectors whose components belong to K . Since $\mathbf{C}^n = K^n \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{R} = (\mathbf{Q} \cdot L) \otimes_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{R}$, we can extend p to an \mathbf{R} -linear automorphism of \mathbf{C}^n , which we denote again by p . By our assumption, we

may assume that the action of an element α of K on X is represented by the complex linear transformation $u \rightarrow \alpha u$ ($u \in \mathbf{C}^n$) of \mathbf{C}^n . We can find a real number r and an element α of K so that $r \cdot \alpha = \sqrt{-1}$. Now p is K -linear and \mathbf{R} -linear, hence p commutes with the map $u \rightarrow \sqrt{-1} \cdot u$, i.e., p is \mathbf{C} -linear. Take any free \mathbf{Z} -submodule \mathfrak{a} of rank 2 in K . Then p gives an isogeny of $\mathbf{C}^n/\mathfrak{a}^n = (\mathbf{C}/\mathfrak{a})^n$ onto \mathbf{C}^n/L . This proves the lemma, since \mathbf{C}/\mathfrak{a} is an elliptic curve with K as its endomorphism algebra.

3. For a function $f(z)$ on H and $\xi = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbf{R})$ with $\det(\xi) > 0$, we define a function $f|[\xi]_k$ on H by

$$(f|[\xi]_k)(z) = \det(\xi)^{k/2} \cdot (cz + d)^{-k} \cdot f((az + b)/(cz + d)).$$

For an arbitrary positive integer N , put

$$\Gamma_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbf{Z}) \mid c \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\},$$

$$\Gamma_1(N) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N) \mid a \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \right\}.$$

Further, for a complex-valued character ε of $(\mathbf{Z}/N\mathbf{Z})^\times$,¹⁾ we denote by $S_k(N, \varepsilon)$ the vector space of all the cusp forms $f(z)$ satisfying

$$f|[\gamma]_k = \varepsilon(d) \cdot f$$

for every $\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$.

LEMMA 2. Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$ be an element of $S_k(N, \varepsilon)$, r a positive integer, M a common multiple of Nr and r^2 , and let

$$g(z) = \sum_{(n,r)=1} a_n e^{2\pi i n z}.$$

Then $g \in S_k(M, \varepsilon')$, where ε' is the restriction of ε to $(\mathbf{Z}/M\mathbf{Z})^\times$.

Proof. Put $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/r}$, $\eta_u = \begin{bmatrix} r & u \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$ for $u \in \mathbf{Z}$, and $\Gamma = \Gamma_1(N)$. We see easily that $\Gamma\eta_u = \Gamma\eta_v$ if and only if $u \equiv v \pmod{r}$. We can find numbers x_u of $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta)$ for $u \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that

$$x_u = x_v \quad \text{if} \quad u \equiv v \pmod{r},$$

$$\sum_{u=0}^{r-1} x_u \zeta^{un} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (n, r) = 1,$$

¹⁾ If S is an associative ring with the identity element, S^\times denotes the group of all invertible elements in S .

We see easily that $g(z) = \sum_{u=0}^{r-1} x_u \cdot f|[\eta_u]_k$. Further, it can be seen that

$$(1) \quad x_u = x_{au} \quad \text{if} \quad (a, r) = 1,$$

and x_u is invariant under $\text{Gal}(\mathbf{Q}(\xi)/\mathbf{Q})$, hence $x_u \in \mathbf{Q}$. Now $g(z)$ is a cusp form of level Nr^2 (see for example [7, Prop. 2.4, Lemma 3.9]). Therefore, to prove our assertion, it is sufficient to check the behavior of g under an element $r = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ Mc & d \end{bmatrix}$ of $\Gamma_0(M)$. We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} r & u \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ Mc & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ Mc & d' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r & d^2u \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$$

with $a' = a + cuM/r$, $b' = b + du(1 - a'd)/r$, $d' = d - cd^2uM/r$. Note that $a' \equiv a$, $d' \equiv d \pmod{(N) \cap (r)}$, and $a'd \equiv ad \equiv 1 \pmod{(r)}$. Therefore, putting $v = d^2u$, we have $f|[\eta_u r]_k = \varepsilon(d) \cdot f|[\eta_v]_k$. In view of (1), we obtain $g|[\gamma]_k = \varepsilon(d) \cdot g$, q.e.d.

4. For our purpose, it is necessary to consider Grössen-characters which are not necessarily “primitive”. To define them, let \mathfrak{m} be an integral ideal in K , and $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$ the group of all fractional ideals in K prime to \mathfrak{m} . Let $W_{\mathfrak{m}}$ denote the group of all elements α of K^{\times} such that $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$, i.e., $\alpha - 1$ is \mathfrak{p} -integral and divisible by $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ for all prime factors \mathfrak{p} of \mathfrak{m} , where $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is the \mathfrak{p} -closure of \mathfrak{m} . Further let $P_{\mathfrak{m}}$ denote the subgroup of $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$ consisting of all principal ideals (α) with $\alpha \in W_{\mathfrak{m}}$. For a positive integer ν , let $A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ denote the set of all homomorphisms λ of $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$ into C^{\times} such that $\lambda((\alpha)) = \alpha^{\nu}$ for every $\alpha \in W_{\mathfrak{m}}$. Such a λ is called a Grössen-character of K defined modulo \mathfrak{m} . Obviously, $A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ is not empty if and only if the following condition is satisfied:

(2) *If ζ is a root of unity in K and $\zeta \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$, then $\zeta^{\nu} = 1$.*

For each $\lambda \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$, there is a unique divisor \mathfrak{c} of \mathfrak{m} such that: (i) λ is the restriction of an element of $A_{\mathfrak{c}}^{\nu}$; (ii) no proper divisor of \mathfrak{c} has the property (i). Then \mathfrak{c} is called the *conductor* of λ . We call λ *primitive* if \mathfrak{m} is the conductor of λ .

We can associate with every $\lambda \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ an L -function $L(s, \lambda)$ and a function $f_{\lambda}(z)$ on H by

$$\begin{aligned} L(s, \lambda) &= \sum_{\mathfrak{x}} \lambda(\mathfrak{x}) N(\mathfrak{x})^{-s} & (s \in C), \\ f_{\lambda}(z) &= \sum_{\mathfrak{x}} \lambda(\mathfrak{x}) e^{2\pi i N(\mathfrak{x})z} & (z \in H), \end{aligned}$$

where each sum is taken over all integral ideals \mathfrak{x} in $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$. Under the assumption (2), let $V_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ be the vector space spanned by the f_{λ} over \mathcal{C} for all $\lambda \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$. For $\lambda, \mu \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$, we see easily that $f_{\lambda} = f_{\mu}$ if and only if $\lambda = \mu$. Moreover, we shall see later that the f_{λ} for $\lambda \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ are linearly independent over \mathcal{C} . Therefore $V_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ is of dimension $[I_{\mathfrak{m}} : P_{\mathfrak{m}}]$.

Fix any set S of representatives for $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$ modulo $P_{\mathfrak{m}}$, whose members are prime to \mathfrak{m} , and put, for each $\alpha \in S$,

$$(3) \quad g_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{(\mathfrak{a})} \alpha^{\nu} \cdot e^{2\pi i N(\mathfrak{a})z/N(\mathfrak{a})},$$

where the sum is taken over all ideals (\mathfrak{a}) such that $\alpha \in W_{\mathfrak{m}} \cap \mathfrak{a}$. We have then

$$f_{\lambda} = \sum_{\alpha \in S} \lambda(\alpha)^{-1} \cdot g_{\alpha},$$

so that the functions g_{α} , for $\alpha \in S$, form a basis of $V_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ over \mathcal{C} . Hecke [2] proved that g_{α} is a cusp form belonging to a certain congruence subgroup. We can state this fact in the following form.

LEMMA 3. *Let $-D$ be the discriminant of K , and let $\lambda \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$, $M = D \cdot N(\mathfrak{m})$. Then f_{λ} is an element of $S_{\nu+1}(M, \varepsilon)$, where ε is the character of $(\mathbf{Z}/M\mathbf{Z})^{\times}$ defined by*

$$\varepsilon(a) = \left(\frac{-D}{a}\right) \cdot \frac{\lambda((a))}{a^{\nu}} \quad (a \in \mathbf{Z}, (a, M) = 1).$$

Proof. If λ is primitive, our assertion can be proved by examining the functional equations of $L(s, \lambda)$ and

$$L(s, \lambda, \chi) = \sum_{\mathfrak{x}} \lambda(\mathfrak{x}) \chi(N(\mathfrak{x})) N(\mathfrak{x})^{-s}$$

with primitive characters χ of $(\mathbf{Z}/p\mathbf{Z})^{\times}$ for all rational primes p not dividing M , and applying the principle of Weil [9]. Although [9, Satz 2] is concerned with $S_k(M, \varepsilon)$ for real characters ε , the result can easily be extended to the case of an arbitrary character ε . Let us now prove the general case by induction on $N(c^{-1}\mathfrak{m})$, where c is the conductor of λ . Suppose that $c^{-1}\mathfrak{m}$ has a prime factor \mathfrak{p} , and put $\mathfrak{n} = \mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{m}$. Let μ be the element of $A_{\mathfrak{n}}^{\nu}$ whose restriction to $A_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\nu}$ is λ . By the induction assumption, f_{μ} belongs to $S_{\nu+1}(D \cdot N(\mathfrak{n}), \varepsilon)$. Put $q = N(\mathfrak{p})$. Then

$$f_{\mu}(qz) = \sum_{(\mathfrak{x}, \mathfrak{n})=1} \mu(\mathfrak{x}) e^{2\pi i N(\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{x})z},$$

hence

$$(4) \quad f_\mu(z) - \mu(\mathfrak{p})f_\mu(qz) = \sum_{(x,m)=1} \mu(x)e^{2\pi i N(\mathfrak{e})z} = f_\lambda(z),$$

where we understand that $\mu(\mathfrak{p}) = 0$ if \mathfrak{p} divides \mathfrak{n} . Since we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ qc & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & qb \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

it can easily be verified that $f_\mu(qz) \in S_{\nu+1}(q \cdot D \cdot N(\mathfrak{n}), \varepsilon)$. Therefore the equality (4) implies that $f_\lambda \in S_{\nu+1}(q \cdot D \cdot N(\mathfrak{n}), \varepsilon)$, q.e.d.

The symbols λ , M , and ε being as above, put $f_\lambda(z) = \sum_n a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$. Then the L -function $L(s, \lambda)$ has an Euler product:

$$L(s, \lambda) = \prod_p (1 - a_p p^{-s} + \varepsilon(p) p^{\nu-2s})^{-1},$$

where the product is taken over all rational primes p ; $\varepsilon(p) = 0$ for every prime factor p of M . Therefore, by Hecke [4, II, Satz 42] (see also [7, Th. 3.43]), f_λ must be a common eigen-function of all Hecke operators. Thus the functions f_λ , for $\lambda \in A_m^1$, are distinct eigen-functions whose first Fourier coefficients are 1. Therefore they are linearly independent over \mathcal{C} .

5. Let us now consider a projective non-singular curve C_M biregularly isomorphic to the compactification of the quotient $H/\Gamma_1(M)$ for a positive integer M . There is a "standard" way to define C_M rational over \mathcal{Q} , up to biregular isomorphisms over \mathcal{Q} . (One can define, for instance, the function field of C_M to be the field of all $\Gamma_1(M)$ -invariant modular functions whose Fourier expansions with respect to $e^{2\pi i z}$ have rational coefficients. See also [5], [7, §6.7, §6.3].) Then the jacobian variety $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ of C_M can naturally be defined over \mathcal{Q} . We denote by τ_n the endomorphism of $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ corresponding to the Hecke operator of degree n .

Let $\lambda \in A_m^1$, $M = D \cdot N(\mathfrak{m})$, and $f_\lambda(z) = \sum_n a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$. Further let k_λ denote the field generated over \mathcal{Q} by the numbers a_n for all n . Since f_λ is a common eigen-function of all Hecke operators, we obtain, by virtue of [7, Th. 7.14], a couple $(A_\lambda, \theta_\lambda)$ satisfying the following three conditions:

- (i) A_λ is an abelian subvariety of $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ of dimension $[k_\lambda : \mathcal{Q}]$.
- (ii) θ_λ is an isomorphism of k_λ into $\text{End}_{\mathcal{Q}}(A_\lambda)$ such that $\theta_\lambda(a_n)$ is the restriction of τ_n to A_λ for all n .
- (iii) A_λ is rational over \mathcal{Q} .

Moreover, $(A_\lambda, \theta_\lambda)$ is unique for f_λ under the conditions (i) and (ii).

For an automorphism σ of the algebraic closure of \mathbf{Q} , we define an element λ_σ of A_m^1 by $\lambda_\sigma(\xi) = \lambda(\xi^\sigma)$. If $f_\lambda(z) = \sum_n a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$, we see that $f_{\lambda_\sigma}(z) = \sum_n a_n^\sigma e^{2\pi i n z}$. Now identify the tangent space of $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ at the origin with the space of all cusp forms of weight 2 with respect to $\Gamma_1(M)$. Then the proof of [7, Th. 7.14] shows that the tangent space of A_λ at the origin can be identified with the vector space spanned by all distinct f_{λ_σ} . Therefore our result mentioned at the beginning of this paper follows from the following

THEOREM 1. *The abelian variety A_λ is isogenous to a product of copies of an elliptic curve whose endomorphism algebra is isomorphic to K .*

Proof. (I) First let us assume that m is divisible by $\sqrt{-D}$, and $m = m\rho$, where ρ denotes the complex conjugation. Put

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1(M), \quad \delta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can let $\Gamma\delta\Gamma$ act on the vector space of cusp forms with respect to Γ (see [7, §3.4]). Denote the action by $[\Gamma\delta\Gamma]_2$. Take a disjoint coset decomposition $\Gamma\delta\Gamma = \cup_{i=1}^t \Gamma\delta\gamma_i$ with $\gamma_i \in \Gamma$. Let g_α be as in (3). Then, by definition,

$$g_\alpha | [\Gamma\delta\Gamma]_2 = \cup_{i=1}^t g_\alpha | [\delta\gamma_i]_2.$$

If $\alpha, \beta \in W_m \cap \mathfrak{a}$, we have

$$N(\alpha)/N(\mathfrak{a}) \equiv N(\beta)/N(\mathfrak{a}) \pmod{(D)},$$

so that, if $\zeta_D = e^{2\pi i/D}$,

$$g_\alpha | [\delta]_2 = \zeta_D^{N(\alpha)/N(\mathfrak{a})} \cdot g_\alpha$$

with any fixed α contained in $W_m \cap \mathfrak{a}$. Therefore

$$(5) \quad g_\alpha | [\Gamma\delta\Gamma]_2 = \kappa \cdot \zeta_D^{N(\alpha)/N(\mathfrak{a})} \cdot g_\alpha.$$

Thus $[\Gamma\delta\Gamma]_2$ maps V_m^1 onto itself. Let A' be the abelian subvariety of $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ generated by the A_λ for all $\lambda \in A_m^1$. Since $m = m\rho$, V_m^1 can be identified with the tangent space of A' at the origin. Let ω denote the endomorphism of A' obtained from $[\Gamma\delta\Gamma]_2$. The relation (5) shows that the representation of ω on the tangent space has characteristic roots $\kappa \cdot \zeta_D^{N(\alpha)/N(\mathfrak{a})}$, where α must be fixed for each $\mathfrak{a} \in S$. Put $\chi(r) = \left(\frac{-D}{r}\right)$. Then we see that

$N(\alpha)/N(\mathfrak{a})$ is prime to D , and $\chi(N(\alpha)/N(\mathfrak{a})) = 1$. We can define an embedding h of $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_D)$ into $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(A')$ by $h(\zeta_D) = \kappa^{-1}\omega$. If σ is an automorphism of $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_D)$ such that $\zeta_D^\sigma = \zeta_D^r$ with $\chi(r) = 1$, then the restriction of σ to K is the identity map. Therefore applying Lemma 1 to A' , we see that A' is isogenous to a product of copies of an elliptic curve with K as its endomorphism algebra.

(II) Next assume that λ is primitive, and put $m' = mm^p \cdot (\sqrt{-D})$, $M' = N(m') \cdot D$, $\eta_u = \begin{bmatrix} M & u \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix}$ for $u \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then $M' = M^2$ and $m' = m^p$. Define, as in the proof of Lemma 2, rational numbers x_u so that

$$\sum_{u=0}^{M-1} x_u \zeta_M^{un} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (n, M) = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $\zeta_M = e^{2\pi i/M}$. Take a positive integer t so that tx_u is an integer for every u . Put $\xi = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} tx_u \cdot [\eta_u]_2$. For every

$$f(z) = \sum_n a_n e^{2\pi i n z} \in S_2(M, \varepsilon),$$

we have, by Lemma 2 and its proof,

$$f|\xi = t \cdot \sum_{(n, M)=1} a_n e^{2\pi i n z} \in S_2(M', \varepsilon).$$

Especially $f_\lambda|\xi = t \cdot f_\mu$ if μ is the restriction of λ to $I_{m'}$. Let V_λ be the subspace of $V_m^1 + V_{m'}^1$, spanned by all distinct f_{λ_σ} with automorphisms σ of the algebraic closure of \mathbf{Q} . Since λ is primitive, we see that ξ maps V_λ *injectively* into $V_{m'}^1$. (This is not necessarily true if λ is not primitive.) Since $\eta_u \cdot \Gamma_1(M') \eta_u^{-1} \subset \Gamma_1(M)$, the action $[\eta_u]_2$ defines a homomorphism of $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ into $\text{Jac}(C_{M'})$, hence ξ defines a homomorphism ξ^* of $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ into $\text{Jac}(C_{M'})$. Then the restriction of ξ^* to A_λ is an isogeny onto an abelian subvariety of A' , where A' is the sum of A_μ for all $\mu \in A_{m'}^1$. By the result in the case (I), A' is isogenous to a product of copies of an elliptic curve with K as its endomorphism algebra. Therefore A_λ has the same property.

(III) Finally let us consider the general case with no assumption on m . Let \mathfrak{c} be the conductor of λ . To prove our assertion by induction on $N(\mathfrak{c}^{-1}m)$, suppose that $\mathfrak{c}^{-1}m$ has a prime factor \mathfrak{p} , and put $n = \mathfrak{p}^{-1}m$, $q = N(\mathfrak{p})$, $L = q^{-1}M$, $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Since $\beta\Gamma_1(M)\beta^{-1} \subset \Gamma_1(L)$, $[\beta]_2$ defines an endomorphism ψ of $\text{Jac}(C_L)$ into $\text{Jac}(C_M)$. Let φ be the natural map of $\text{Jac}(C_L)$ into $\text{Jac}(C_M)$ corresponding to $[1]_2$. If μ is the element of A_n^1 whose restriction to I_m is λ , we have $f_{\lambda_\sigma} = f_{\mu_\sigma} - s \cdot f_{\mu_\sigma} | [\beta]_2$ with a constant s , by virtue of (4),

for every automorphism σ of the algebraic closure of \mathbf{Q} . This shows that $A_i \subset \varphi(A_\mu) + \psi(A_\mu)$. Therefore our assertion about A_i follows from that about A_μ , which is ensured by induction.

Remark. We have thus shown that the center \mathfrak{B} of $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(A_i)$ is isomorphic to K . It should be noted here that \mathfrak{B} is not contained in $\theta_i(k_i)$. This follows from either of the following two facts:

(i) The elements of $\theta_i(k_i) \cap \text{End}(A_i)$ are rational over \mathbf{Q} (see [7, pp. 182–183]), while K is the smallest field of definition for any generator of \mathfrak{B} contained in $\text{End}(A_i)$.

(ii) The representation of k_i , through θ_i , on the tangent space of A_i at the origin is equivalent to a regular representation over \mathbf{Q} .

6. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbf{Q} such that $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(E)$ is isomorphic to K . (This can happen if and only if the class number of K is one.) By the result of Deuring [1], the zeta-function of E over \mathbf{Q} coincides exactly with $L(s, \lambda)$ with some primitive Grössen-character λ of K . Let c be the conductor of λ , and $M = D \cdot N(c)$. Then we obtain an element f_i of $S_2(M, \varepsilon)$ as before. If $f_i(z) = \sum_n a_n e^{2\pi i n z}$, we have

$$(6) \quad L(s, \lambda) = \prod_p (1 - a_p p^{-s} + \varepsilon(p) p^{1-2s})^{-1}.$$

Since E is defined over \mathbf{Q} , we see that $a_n \in \mathbf{Q}$, and ε is the trivial character, so that f_i is a cusp form invariant under $\Gamma_0(M)$. Therefore we can take $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma_0(M))$ (of course defined over \mathbf{Q}) instead of $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma_1(M))$ in the above discussion, and define A_i as an abelian subvariety of $\text{Jac}(H/\Gamma_0(M))$. Since $k_i = \mathbf{Q}$, A_i is an elliptic curve defined over \mathbf{Q} .

THEOREM 2. *The elliptic curve A_i is isogenous to E over \mathbf{Q} .*

Proof. By [7, Th. 7.15], the zeta-function of A_i over \mathbf{Q} coincides, up to finitely many Euler factors, with (6). On the other hand, by Theorem 1, $\text{End}_{\mathbf{Q}}(A_i)$ is isomorphic to K , so that the zeta-function of A_i over \mathbf{Q} is $L(s, \mu)$ with a primitive Grössen-character μ of K . Thus $L(s, \lambda)$ coincides with $L(s, \mu)$ up to finitely many Euler factors. It follows that $\lambda(\mathfrak{p}) = \mu(\mathfrak{p})$ or $\lambda(\mathfrak{p}) = \mu(\mathfrak{p}^e)$ for almost all prime ideals \mathfrak{p} in K . If \mathfrak{m} is a common multiple of the conductors of λ and μ , we have $\lambda((\alpha)) = \alpha = \mu((\alpha))$ for $\alpha \in K$, $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$. Therefore we must have $\lambda(\mathfrak{p}) = \mu(\mathfrak{p})$, so that $\lambda = \mu$. Thus E and

A_i determine the same Grössen-character of K . By [8, Th. 8], they must be isogenous over \mathbf{Q} .

It should be noted that E has good reduction modulo a rational prime p if and only if p does not divide $D \cdot N(c)$. This is due to Deuring [1, IV] (see also [8] for a simpler proof).

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