

ON SOME DIMENSION FORMULA FOR AUTOMORPHIC FORMS OF WEIGHT ONE I

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§ 0. Introduction

Let Γ be a fuchsian group of the first kind not containing the element $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. We shall denote by d_0 the number of linearly independent automorphic forms of weight 1 for Γ . It would be interesting to have a certain formula for d_0 . But, Hejhal said in his Lecture Notes 548, it is impossible to calculate d_0 using only the basic algebraic properties of Γ . On the other hand, Serre has given such a formula of d_0 recently in a paper delivered at the Durham symposium ([7]). His formula is closely connected with 2-dimensional Galois representations.

The purpose of this note is to give some formula of the number d_0 for the case of compact type, by making use of the Selberg trace formula ([6]). Our result is expressed by Theorem C (§ 2). It seems likely that the similar result holds for discontinuous groups of finite type ([2]).

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§ 1. The Selberg eigenspace $\mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$

Let

$$S = \{z = x + iy/x, y \text{ real and } y > 0\}$$

denote the complex upper half-plane and let $G = SL(2, \mathbf{R})$ be the real special linear group of the second degree. Consider direct products

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{S} &= S \times T, \\ \tilde{G} &= G \times T,\end{aligned}$$

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where T denotes the real torus, and let an element (g, α) of \tilde{G} operate on \tilde{S} as follows:

$$\tilde{S} \ni (z, \phi) \xrightarrow{(g, \alpha)} (z, \phi)(g, \alpha) = \left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \phi + \arg(cz + d) - \alpha \right) \in \tilde{S},$$

where $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in G$. The operation of \tilde{G} on \tilde{S} is transitive. \tilde{S} is a weakly symmetric Riemannian space with the \tilde{G} -invariant metric

$$ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2} + \left(d\phi - \frac{dx}{2y} \right)^2,$$

and with the isometry μ defined by

$$\mu(z, \phi) = (-\bar{z}, -\phi).$$

The \tilde{G} -invariant measure $d(z, \phi)$ associated to the \tilde{G} -invariant metric is given by

$$d(z, \phi) \equiv d(x, y, \phi) = \frac{dx \wedge dy \wedge d\phi}{y^2}.$$

The ring $\mathfrak{A}(\tilde{S})$ of \tilde{G} -invariant differential operators on \tilde{S} is generated by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

and

$$\Delta^{(\tilde{S})} \equiv \tilde{\Delta} = y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + \frac{5}{4} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial x},$$

where $\tilde{\Delta}$ is the Laplace operator of \tilde{S} .

Let Γ be a discrete subgroup of G not containing the element $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and suppose that $\Gamma \backslash G$ is compact.

By the correspondence

$$G \ni g \leftrightarrow (g, 0) \in \tilde{G} = G \times T,$$

we identify the group G with a subgroup $G \times \{0\}$ of \tilde{G} , and so the subgroup Γ identify with a subgroup $\Gamma \times \{0\}$ of \tilde{G}^1 .

For an element $(g, \alpha) \in \tilde{G}$, we define a mapping $T_{(g, \alpha)}$ of $C^\infty(\tilde{S})$ into itself by

1) Therefore if $\Gamma \backslash G$ is compact, so is $\Gamma \backslash \tilde{G}$.

$$(T_{(g,\alpha)}f)(z, \phi) = f((z, \phi)(g, \alpha)),$$

where $f(z, \phi) \in C^\infty(\tilde{S})$. $(g, \alpha) \rightarrow T_{(g,\alpha)}$ is a representation of \tilde{G} . For an element $g \in G$ we put $T_{(g,0)} = T_g$. Then we have

$$(T_g f)(z, \phi) = f\left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \phi + \arg(cz + d)\right),$$

where $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$.

Denote by $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S})$ the set of all C^∞ -class functions on \tilde{S} invariant under Γ :

$$C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S}) = \{f(z, \phi) \in C^\infty(\tilde{S}) / T_g f = f \text{ for all } g \in \Gamma\};$$

and now consider the following simultaneous eigenvalue problem in $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S})$:

$$(A) \quad \begin{cases} f \in C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S}), & (1) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} f = -ikf, & (2) \\ \tilde{\Delta} f = \lambda f. & (3) \end{cases}$$

We denote by $\mathfrak{M}_r(k, \lambda) = \mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$ the set of all functions satisfying the above condition (A). It is well known that every eigenspace $\mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$ is finite dimensional and orthogonal to each other, and also the eigenspaces span together the Hilbert space $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S})$ with norm

$$\|f\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S}} |f|^2 d(z, \phi).$$

We put $\lambda = (k, \lambda)$. For every invariant integral operator with a kernel function $k(z, \phi; z', \phi')$ on (k, λ) , we have

$$(4) \quad \int_{\tilde{S}} k(z, \phi; z', \phi') f(z', \phi') d(z', \phi') = h(\lambda) f(z, \phi),$$

for $f \in \mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$.

It is to be noted that $h(\lambda)$ does not depend on f so long as f is in $\mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$. We also know that there is a basis $\{f^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^\infty$ of the space $L^2(\tilde{S}/\Gamma)$ under the condition that each $f^{(n)}$ satisfies (2) and (3) in (A). Then we put $\lambda^{(n)} = (k, \lambda)$ for such a spectrum (k, λ) .

We now obtain the following Selberg trace formula for $L^2(\Gamma \backslash \tilde{S})$:

$$(5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^\infty h(\lambda^{(n)}) = \sum_{M \in \Gamma} \int_D k(z, \phi; M(z, \phi)) d(z, \phi),$$

where \tilde{D} denotes a compact fundamental domain of Γ in \tilde{S} and $k(z, \phi; z', \phi')$ is a point-pair invariant kernel of (a)–(b) type in the sense of Selberg such that the series on the left-hand side of (5) is absolutely convergent ([4], [6]). Denote by $\Gamma(M)$ the centralizer of M in Γ , and put $\tilde{D}_M = \Gamma(M) \backslash \tilde{S}$. Then it is easy to see that

$$(6) \quad \sum_{M \in \Gamma} \int_{\tilde{D}} k(z, \phi; M(z, \phi)) d(z, \phi) = \sum_{\ell} \int_{\tilde{D}_{M_\ell}} k(z, \phi; M_\ell(z, \phi)) d(z, \phi),$$

where the sum over $\{M_\ell\}$ is taken over the distinct conjugacy classes of Γ .

We shall denote by $\mathfrak{S}_1(\Gamma)$ the linear space of all holomorphic automorphic forms of weight 1 for the above fuchsian group Γ and put

$$d_0 = \dim \mathfrak{S}_1(\Gamma).$$

Then the following equality comes from [1]:

$$d_0 = \dim \mathfrak{M}(1, -\frac{3}{2}).$$

§ 2. A formula for d_0

We consider an invariant integral operator on the Selberg eigenspace $\mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$ defined by a point-pair invariant kernel

$$\omega_s(z, \phi; z', \phi') = \left| \frac{(yy')^{1/2}}{(z - \bar{z}')/2i} \right|^s \frac{(yy')^{1/2}}{(z - \bar{z}')/2i} e^{-i(\phi - \phi')}, \quad (s > 1).$$

By the relation (4), the integral operator ω_s vanishes on $\mathfrak{M}(k, \lambda)$ for all $k \neq 1$. The distribution of spectrum (k, λ) is given by Kuga in the compact case ([5]). It is discrete and

$$\begin{aligned} &(1, \mu_\beta), \quad (\mu_\beta < 0, \mu_\beta \neq -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}) \\ &(1, -\frac{3}{2}), \\ &(1, -\frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

give the complete set of spectra of the type $(1, *)$. But the spectra of types $-\frac{3}{2} < \mu_\beta < 0$ in $(1, \mu_\beta)$ and $(1, -\frac{1}{2})$ do not appear actually in the complete set (Bargmann²⁾. We put

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0 &= -\frac{3}{2}, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \\ d_\beta &= \dim \mathfrak{M}(1, \mu_\beta), \quad (\beta = 0, 1, 2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

2) This remark was informed by Satake's letter to the author.

Then the left-hand side of the trace formula (5) implies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} h(\lambda^{(n)}) = \sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} d_{\beta} A_{\beta},$$

where A_{β} denotes the eigenvalue of ω_s in $\mathfrak{M}(1, \mu_{\beta})$. For the eigenvalue A_{β} , using the special eigenfunction

$$f(z, \phi) = e^{-i\phi y^{\gamma\beta}}, \mu_{\beta} = r_{\beta}(r_{\beta} - 1) - \frac{5}{4},$$

for a spectrum $(1, \mu_{\beta})$ in $C^{\infty}(\tilde{S})$, we obtain

$$A_{\beta} = 2^{2+s}\pi \frac{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma((1+s)/2)}{\Gamma(s)\Gamma(1+(s/2))} \Gamma\left(\frac{s-1}{2} + r_{\beta}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s-1}{2} - r_{\beta}\right).$$

If we put $r_{\beta} = \frac{1}{2} + iv_{\beta}$, then

$$\mu_{\beta} = -\frac{3}{2} - v_{\beta}^2, v_{\beta} = \frac{\sqrt{-(6+4\mu_{\beta})}}{2} \geq 0,$$

and

$$A_{\beta} = 2^{2+s}\pi \frac{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma((1+s)/2)}{\Gamma(s)\Gamma(1+(s/2))} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2} + iv_{\beta}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2} - iv_{\beta}\right).$$

Therefore there is a one-to-one correspondence between the functions A_{β} of μ_{β} and even function $h(v_{\beta})$, the correspondence being given by $A_{\beta} = h(v_{\beta})$. For the case of weight 2, Selberg introduced in [5] the point-pair invariant kernel $\omega_2 \cdot ((yy')^{1/2}) / |(z - \bar{z}')/2i|^s$ of (a)–(b) type under the condition $s > 0$. The above kernel ω_s is obtained by $s \rightarrow s - 1$ in $\omega_2 \cdot ((yy')^{1/2}) / |(z - \bar{z}')/2i|^s$. Therefore our kernel ω_s is a point-pair invariant kernel of (a)–(b) type under the condition $s > 1$. In general, it is known that the series $\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} d_{\beta} A_{\beta}$ is absolutely convergent for $s > 1$. By the Stirling formula, we see that the above series is also absolutely and uniformly convergent for all bounded s except $s = 0$.

Now we shall calculate the components $J(I)$, $J(P)$, and $J(R)$ of traces appearing in the right-hand side of (6).

i) unit class: $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

It is clear that

$$\omega_s(z, \phi; M(z, \phi)) = 1,$$

and therefore

$$J(I) = \int_{D_M} d(z, \phi) = \int_D d(z, \phi) < \infty .$$

ii) Hyperbolic conjugacy classes.

We shall call a hyperbolic element P primitive, if it is not a power with exponent > 1 of any other element in Γ , and correspondingly we say the conjugacy class $\{P\}$ is primitive. When we write the primitive hyperbolic conjugacy classes as $\{P_\alpha\}$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots$), the hyperbolic conjugacy classes in Γ can be expressed as $\{P_\alpha^k\}$ ($\alpha = 1, 2, \dots; k = 1, 2, \dots$). It is noted that the Jordan canonical form of P is $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ with $\lambda_0 > 1$, and we can conclude that $\Gamma(P^k) = \Gamma(P)$ is an infinite cyclic group generated by the primitive element P . Put

$$g^{-1}Pg = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (g \in G) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma' = g^{-1}\Gamma g .$$

Then we have

$$\Gamma' \left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) = g^{-1}\Gamma(P)g .$$

The hyperbolic component $J(P)$ is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} J(P^k) &= \int_{D_P} \omega_s(z, \phi; P^k(z, \phi))d(z, \phi) \\ &= \int_{g^{-1}D_P} \omega_s(g(z, \phi), P^k g(z, \phi))d(z, \phi) \\ &= \int_{g^{-1}D_P} \omega_s(z, \phi; g^{-1}P^k g(z, \phi))d(z, \phi) \\ &\left(g^{-1}D_P \text{ is a fundamental domain of } \Gamma' \left(\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ in } \tilde{S} \right) \\ &= (2\pi)(2^{s+1}i) |\lambda_0^k|^{(s+1)} \int_{g^{-1}D_P} \frac{y^{s-1}}{(z - \lambda_0^{2k}\bar{z})|z - \lambda_0^{2k}\bar{z}|^s} dx dy \\ &\quad (z = \rho e^{i\theta}, \rho > 0, 0 < \theta < \pi) \\ &= (2^{s+2}\pi i) |\lambda_0^k|^{(s+1)} \int_1^{\lambda_0^{2k}} \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \int_0^\pi \frac{(\sin \theta)^{s-1} d\theta}{(e^{i\theta} - \lambda_0^{2k}e^{-i\theta})|e^{i\theta} - \lambda_0^{2k}e^{-i\theta}|^s} \\ &\left(\alpha = \frac{1 + \lambda_0^{2k}}{1 - \lambda_0^{2k}} \right) \\ &= (2^{s+2}\pi i) |\lambda_0^k|^{(s+1)} \log \lambda_0^2 \frac{1}{(1 - \lambda_0^{2k})|1 - \lambda_0^{2k}|^s} \int_0^\pi \frac{(\sin \theta)^{s-1} (\cos \theta - i\alpha \sin \theta)}{(\cos^2 \theta + \alpha^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{(s/2)+1}} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$(t = \cot \theta)$$

$$= (2^{s+2}\pi i) |\lambda_0^k|^{(s+1)} \log \lambda_0^2 \frac{-2\alpha i}{(1 - \lambda_0^{2k}) |1 - \lambda_0^{2k}|^s} \frac{1}{2|\alpha|^{s+1}} \frac{\Gamma((s+1)/2)\Gamma(1/2)}{\Gamma((s+2)/2)}.$$

Thus,

$$J(P^k) = (2^{s+3}\pi) \frac{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma((s+1)/2)}{\Gamma((s+2)/2)} \frac{\log |\lambda_0|}{|\lambda_0^{-k} - \lambda_0^k| |\lambda_0^{-k} + \lambda_0^k|^s}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$J(P) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J(P_{\alpha}^k)$$

$$= \frac{8\pi^{3/2}2^s\Gamma((s+1)/2)}{\Gamma((s+2)/2)} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log |\lambda_{0,\alpha}|}{|\lambda_{0,\alpha}^k - \lambda_{0,\alpha}^{-k}|} |\lambda_{0,\alpha}^k + \lambda_{0,\alpha}^{-k}|^{-s}.$$

iii) Elliptic conjugacy classes.

Let $\rho, \bar{\rho}$ be the fixed points of an elliptic element $M(\rho \in S)$ and $\zeta, \bar{\zeta}$ be the eigenvalues of M . Let φ be a linear transformation such that maps S into a unit circle:

$$w = \varphi(z) = \frac{z - \rho}{z - \bar{\rho}}.$$

Then we have

$$\varphi M \varphi^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\zeta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

and

$$\frac{Mz - \rho}{Mz - \bar{\rho}} = \frac{\zeta}{\bar{\zeta}} \frac{z - \rho}{z - \bar{\rho}}.$$

The elliptic component $J(R)$ is calculated as follows:

$$J(M) = \int_{\bar{D}_M} \omega_s(z, \phi; M(z, \phi)) d(z, \phi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{[L(M): 1]} \int_{\bar{S}} \omega_s(z, \phi; M(z, \phi)) d(z, \phi)$$

$$= \frac{2^{s+1}i}{[L(M): 1]} \int_{\bar{S}} \frac{(yy')^{(s+1)/2}}{(z - z') |z - z'|^s} e^{-i(\phi - \phi')} d(z, \phi) \quad ((z', \phi') = M(z, \phi))$$

$$= \frac{8\pi_{\bar{\zeta}}}{[L(M): 1]} \int_{|w| < 1} \frac{(1 - w\bar{w})^{s-1}}{(1 - \bar{\zeta}^2 w\bar{w}) |1 - \bar{\zeta}^2 w\bar{w}|^s} dudv \quad (w = u + iv)$$

$(w = re^{i\theta})$

$$= \frac{16\pi^2 \bar{\zeta}}{[\Gamma(M): 1]} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-r^2)^{s-1} r}{(1-\bar{\zeta}^2 r^2) |1-\bar{\zeta}^2 r^2|^s} dr .$$

By a simple calculation, we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sJ(M) = \frac{8\pi^2}{[\Gamma(M): 1]} \frac{-\bar{\zeta}}{(\bar{\zeta}^2 - 1)^2} .$$

We put

$$\zeta^*(s) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log \lambda_{0,\alpha}}{\lambda_{0,\alpha}^k - \lambda_{0,\alpha}^{-k}} (\lambda_{0,\alpha}^k + \lambda_{0,\alpha}^{-k})^{-s} .$$

Then, by the trace formula, the Dirichlet series $\zeta^*(s)$ has a meromorphic continuation to all s , the only singularity being a simple pole at $s = 0$ whose residue will appear in (7).

Finally, multiply the both sides of (5) by s and tend s to zero, then the limit is expressed, by the above i), ii), iii), as follows:

$$(7) \quad d_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{M\}} \frac{1}{[\Gamma(M): 1]} \frac{-\bar{\zeta}}{(\bar{\zeta}^2 - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \zeta^*(s) ,$$

where the sum over $\{M\}$ is taken over the distinct elliptic conjugacy classes of Γ .

Remark on the Dirichlet series $\zeta^(s)$.* In his work ([3]), H. Huber introduced some zeta function defined by

$$H(s) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log |\lambda_{0,\alpha}|}{|\lambda_{0,\alpha}^k - \lambda_{0,\alpha}^{-k}|} (\lambda_{0,\alpha}^{2k} + \lambda_{0,\alpha}^{-2k})^{-s + (1/2)} .$$

It is clear that

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \zeta^*(s) = \operatorname{Res}_{s=1/2} H(s) .$$

These functions are ‘‘Selberg type zeta-functions’’ connected with the distribution problems of hyperbolic conjugacy classes in a discrete group.

As more information of d_0 , we consider an integral operator $\tilde{\omega}_s$ on $\mathfrak{M}(0, \lambda)$ defined by

$$\tilde{\omega}_s(z, \phi; z', \phi') = \frac{(yy')^{(s+1)/2}}{|(z - \bar{z}')/2i|^{s+1}}, \quad (s > 1) .$$

Then, by a similar calculation as in the above we have

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=0} \zeta^*(s) = 2 \dim \mathfrak{M}(0, -\frac{1}{4}) .$$

Now our main result can be stated as follows.

THEOREM C. *Let Γ be a fuchsian group of the first kind not containing the element $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and suppose that Γ has a compact fundamental domain in the upper half plane S . Let d_0 be the dimension for the linear space consisting of all holomorphic automorphic forms of weight 1 with respect to the group Γ . Then the number d_0 is given by the formula:*

$$d_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{M\}} \frac{1}{[\Gamma(M):1]} \frac{-\bar{\zeta}}{(\zeta^2 - 1)} + \dim \mathfrak{M}\left(0, -\frac{1}{4}\right),$$

where the sum over $\{M\}$ is taken over the distinct elliptic conjugacy classes of Γ , $\Gamma(M)$ denotes the centralizer of M in Γ , $\bar{\zeta}$ is one of the eigenvalues of M , and $\mathfrak{M}(0, -1/4)$ denotes the eigenspace with the eigenvalue $-1/4$ for the Laplacian $\gamma^2((\partial^2/\partial x^2) + ((\partial^2/\partial y^2)))$ on the space $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash S)$.

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