

# TRANSFER OPERATORS FOR RELATIVE FUNCTORIALITY

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I will talk about Langlands’ “Beyond Endoscopy” proposal, in a broader scope that also encompasses the relative Langlands program. It aims to compare stable trace formulas in a new way. However, the nature of these comparisons is completely unclear. Even the case where the  $L$ -groups are *equal* (classically this is the setting for the Jacquet-Langlands correspondence) the comparison is very interesting, and encompasses for instance the Gan-Gross-Prasad Conjecture. I am trying to enlarge the program to have more tractable cases available.

## 1. NOTATION AND BASIC SETUP

Let  $k$  be a global field,  $\mathbb{A}_k$  the adeles. Let  $F$  be a local field and  $[G] := G(k)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}_k)$ .

For a smooth variety  $X$ , we let  $\mathcal{S}(X) = \mathcal{S}(X(F))$  be the space of  $\mathbf{C}$ -valued Schwartz measures. This means that there is rapid decay towards all boundaries; for example on  $\mathbf{G}_m$  you have rapid decay near 0 and  $\infty$ . Roughly you can think of a Schwartz measure as a Schwartz function times a polynomial volume form. Since in the global case you have canonical Tamagawa measures, you can confuse Schwartz measures with Schwartz functions.

When we have a group  $G$  acting on (quasi-affine) variety  $X$ , we denote by  $X//G := \text{Spec } k[X]^G$  the coarse quotient. We want to discuss the notion of “Schwartz measures on the quotient”. There are three versions of this notion:

- (1) A sophisticated and correct one: Schwartz measures on the quotient stack  $[X/G]$ .
- (2) An intermediate notion: the coinvariants  $\mathcal{S}(X)_G$ .
- (3) A coarse notion: the pushforward of a measure from  $X$  to  $X//G$ . You should think of this as stable orbital integrals: the pushforward measure is given by the integral along the fiber, which is typically a stable conjugacy class, so this is a stable orbital integral. We will denote this by  $\mathcal{S}^{\text{st}}(X/G)$ .

Let  $\psi: F \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\times$  or  $\mathbb{A}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\times$  be an additive character. We let  $N \subset B$  be a maximal unipotent subgroup of a Borel. If  $X = (N \backslash G, \psi)$  then we can take a Whittaker model  $\mathcal{S}(X) := \mathcal{S}(N, \psi)$  for the definition of  $\mathcal{S}(X)$ .

*Notation:* the quotient  $H/H$  means  $H$  modulo  $H$ -conjugacy.

**Remark 1.1.** This is an elementary but useful remark. When  $X$  is a group  $H$  (the “group case”), we think of  $X$  as a symmetric space for  $G := H \times H$ , with  $G$  acting via  $(h_1, h_2) \cdot h = h_1^{-1} h h_2$ . Then we can view  $H/H = (X \times X)/G$  where  $G$  acts diagonally on  $X \times X$ , as we can use the  $G$  action to trivialize the first component of  $X$ , leaving the conjugation action on the second factor.

## 2. LANGLANDS FUNCTORIALITY AND “BEYOND ENDOSCOPY”

**2.1. The idea of “Beyond Endoscopy”.** The Langlands functoriality conjecture says that a map  ${}^L H_1 \rightarrow {}^L H_2$  induces a map

$$\{\text{packets of irreps for } H_1\} \mapsto \{\text{packets of irreps of } H_2\}.$$

One way to think of this as follows: you have a stable character for a packet  $\Pi$ , given by

$$\Theta_\Pi := \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \Theta_\pi.$$

(This is all local right now.)

So functoriality gives a map from stable characters of  $H_1$  to stable characters for  $H_2$ .

**Remark 2.1.** This is not quite what one does in endoscopy - there one takes a different linear combination of the characters within the L-packet.

Langlands suggested considering the dual map of stable test measures:

$$\mathcal{S}^{\text{st}}(H_1/H_1) \xleftarrow{\mathcal{T}} \mathcal{S}^{\text{st}}(H_2/H_2).$$

We want to describe this map - it should satisfy the condition that  $\mathcal{T}^*(\Theta_{\Pi_1}) = \Theta_{\Pi_2}$  is a stable character for all tempered  $\Pi_1$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Langlands studied this for  $H_1 = T$ ,  $H_2 = \text{GL}_2$ . Daniel Johnstone studied this for  $H_1 = T$  and  $H_2 = \text{GL}_n$ .

We would like to use this to prove a comparison of stable trace formulas.

$$\text{STF}_{H_2}(f) \rightsquigarrow \text{STF}_{H_1}(\mathcal{T}f).$$

Here STF stands for the stable trace formula, viewed as a functional on measures. Why have we written  $\rightsquigarrow$  instead of equality? There should not be equality on the nose: we need to extract a part of the trace formula for  $H_2$  corresponding to the contribution from the spectrum of  $H_1$  to the spectrum of  $H_2$ , which Langlands proposed doing using  $L$ -functions.

**2.2. A baby case.** Let  $T_H$  be the *universal Cartan* of  $H$  (the quotient  $B/N$  for any Borel  $B$ , which is well-defined because all Borels are conjugate). We assume that  $T_H$  is split for simplicity.

We have a map  ${}^L T_H = \widehat{T}_H \rightarrow {}^L H$ , which should induce a transfer from representations of  $H$  to representations of  $T$ . We want to understand the dual map

$$\mathcal{T}: \mathcal{S}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(H/H) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(T_H).$$

In terms of representations, it is easy to say what is going on. Let  $H_1 = T_H$  and  $H_2 = H$ . For  $\chi \in \widehat{T}_H$  the local Langlands correspondence assigns

$$\Pi_\chi = \{I(\chi) := \text{Ind}_B^H(\chi \cdot \delta^{1/2})\}.$$

The character of this representation is known:

$$\Theta_{\Pi_\chi}(t) = D_H^{-1/2}(t) \sum_{w \in W} w \chi(t)$$

where  $D_H$  is the *Weyl denominator* (the thing that comes up in the Weyl character formula). The condition we need is that

$$\int_{T_H} (\mathcal{T}f)(t) \chi(t) dt = \int_H f(h) \Theta_\chi(h) dh.$$

Using this we can compute  $\mathcal{T}f$  explicitly.

This is opposite to what we want to do, which is to start with the transfer  $\mathcal{T}$  and use it to pull back representations.

To globalize this, we want a map

$$\mathcal{S}(H/H(\mathbb{A})) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(T_H(\mathbb{A})).$$

The trace formula for  $H$  gives a distribution on the left side. Similarly the trace formula for  $T_H$  gives a distribution on the right side. This fits into a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S}(H/H(\mathbb{A})) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{S}(T_H(\mathbb{A})) \\ \downarrow_{\text{TF}} & & \downarrow_{\text{TF}} \\ \mathbf{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C} \end{array}$$

This diagram does not commute using the usual (non-invariant) trace formula. We can view the trace formula as a ‘‘Laurent series’’

$$\text{TF}_H(f) = \frac{1}{s^r} \text{TF}_{H,-r}(f) + \dots + \text{TF}_{H,0}(f).$$

Here  $\text{TF}_{H,0}(f)$  is the usual trace formula, and it is not invariant. The leading term is invariant, and is what will be compared.

### 3. THE SPECTRUM OF A SPHERICAL VARIETY

**3.1. Spherical varieties.** We said earlier that one can think of a group  $X = H$  as being a symmetric space for  $G = H \times H$ . There is a broader context for this, namely that of *spherical varieties*. This means (in characteristic 0) that  $X$  is an affine normal variety with  $G$ -action, such that  $\bar{k}[X]$  is a multiplicity-free direct sum of highest weight modules. This is equivalent to saying that the Borel  $B$  has an open orbit.

This is a convenient class that gives Euler products for L-functions.

**Example 3.1.** Symmetric spaces are spherical varieties:  $X = O_n \setminus \text{GL}_n$  (with  $G = \text{GL}_n$ ), or  $X = \text{Sp}_{2n} \setminus \text{GL}_{2n}$  (with  $G = \text{GL}_{2n}$ ).

**Example 3.2.**  $X = \text{GL}_n \setminus \text{GL}_n \times \text{GL}_{n+1}$  (with  $G = \text{GL}_n \times \text{GL}_{n+1}$ ), or the Gan-Gross-Prasad settings with  $\text{GL}_n$  replaced by  $\text{SO}_n$  or  $\text{U}_n$ .

**Example 3.3.** The Whittaker situation:  $X = N \setminus G$  (with  $G = G$ ).

**3.2. The local spectrum.** We will define the *spectrum* of a spherical variety  $X$ . We can decompose

$$L^2(X) = \int_{\widehat{G}} \pi \mu(\pi)$$

where  $\mu(\pi)$  is the Plancherel measure. The  $\pi$  appearing above form the support of the *local spectrum* of  $X$ .

**Example 3.4.** For  $X = N \backslash G$ , we have

$$L^2(X) = \int_{\chi \in \widehat{T}_G} I(\chi) d\chi.$$

**3.3. Relative characters.** Let  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in L^2(X)$ . Then the Plancherel formula gives

$$\int_X \Phi_1 \Phi_2 dx = \int_{\widehat{G}} J_\pi(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2) \mu(\pi).$$

Here  $J_\pi$  is a ‘‘relative character’’ (terminology by analogy to the relative trace formula). A relative character (for irreducible  $\pi$ ) is a composition

$$J_\pi: \mathcal{S}(X \times X) \xrightarrow{G \times G \text{ equiv}} \pi \otimes \widetilde{\pi} \xrightarrow{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle} \mathbf{C}$$

where  $\widetilde{\pi}$  is the contragredient of  $\pi$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the canonical pairing. We will assume that the map  $\mathcal{S}(X \times X) \xrightarrow{G \times G \text{ equiv}} \pi \otimes \widetilde{\pi}$  is unique up to scalar, so  $J_\pi$  is unique to scalar.

**Example 3.5.** In the group case  $X = H$ ,

$$J_\pi(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2) \propto \text{Tr}(\tau(\Phi_1^\vee * \Phi_2))$$

where the representation  $\pi$  of  $H \times H$  necessarily factors as  $\pi = \tau \otimes \widetilde{\tau}$ , with  $\tau$  a representation of  $H$  and  $\widetilde{\tau}$  its contragredient. We can take the right side as a canonical normalization of  $J_\pi$ . This means that the Plancherel measure  $\mu$  is canonical, in this case.

For general  $X$ , once we fix  $\psi = \psi_X$  we should normalize  $J_\pi$  in some way (there is no intrinsically canonical choice).

**3.4. The relative trace formula.** We need a  $G(\mathbb{A})^{\text{diag}}$ -equivariant map

$$\mathcal{S}(X \times X(\mathbb{A})) \xrightarrow{\text{RTF}_{X \times X/G}} \mathbf{C}.$$

We specify this on functions of the form  $\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2$  for  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathcal{S}(X(\mathbb{A}))$ . The recipe is as follow. For  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathcal{S}(X(\mathbb{A}))$  we set

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma \Phi_1(g) &:= \sum_{\gamma \in X(k)} \Phi_1(\gamma g) \\ \Sigma \Phi_2(g) &:= \sum_{\gamma \in X(k)} \Phi_2(\gamma g). \end{aligned}$$

These are smooth functions on  $[G]$ , and then we take their inner product to get something in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

**Example 3.6.** In the group case  $X = H$ ,  $G = H \times H$ ,

$$\Sigma \Phi(h_1, h_2) = K_\Phi(h_1, h_2).$$

is the usual kernel function, so

$$\text{RTF}(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2) = \langle K_{\Phi_1}, K_{\Phi_2} \rangle_{[H \times H]} = \langle R(\Phi_1), R(\Phi_2) \rangle_{HS} = \text{Tr}(R(\Phi_1^\vee * \Phi_2)).$$

**Example 3.7.** If  $X = (N, \psi) \backslash G$  then  $\Sigma\Phi$  is a Poincaré series, and  $\text{RTF}_{(N, \psi) \backslash G / (N, \psi)}$  is the Kuznetsov trace formula for  $G$ .

The relative trace formula says that a geometric expansion of RTF equals a spectral expansion of RTF.

3.4.1. *The geometric side.* The geometric expansion is a sum of orbital integrals for  $X \times X(k)/G(k)$ . Formally, if  $\mathcal{X} = [X \times X/G]$  then

$$\text{RTF}(f) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathcal{X}(k)} f(\xi).$$

(Globally we have canonical Tamagawa measures which we use to identify measures with functions.)

3.4.2. *The spectral side.* On the spectral side,  $\text{RTF}(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$  is a sum over automorphic representations  $\pi$  of a trace,

$$\text{RTF}(\Phi_1, \Phi_2) = \sum_{\pi \in \widehat{G}_{\text{Aut}}} J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}}(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2)$$

where

$$J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}}(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2) = \langle (\Sigma\Phi_1)_{\pi}, (\Sigma\Phi_2)_{\bar{\pi}} \rangle$$

where we are naively pretending that  $\pi$  embeds in  $L^2([G])$ . This  $J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}}(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2)$  is called a *period relative character*. The  $\pi$  for which  $J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}} \neq 0$  are called *X-distinguished representations*.

**Remark 3.8.** If  $X = H \backslash G$ , you can write  $J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}}$  as

$$J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}} = \sum_{(\varphi, \tilde{\varphi})} (\dots) \int_{[H]} \varphi \int_{[H]} \tilde{\varphi}$$

where the sum is over a dual basis  $(\varphi, \tilde{\varphi})$  of  $(\pi, \tilde{\pi})$ . The mysterious factors are powers of 2 that measure the size of an Arthur packet, but they are present because we normalize our conventions for orbital integrals rather than stable orbital integrals.

3.5. **The generalized Ichino-Ikeda Conjecture.** In [SV] we formulate:

**Conjecture 3.9** (Generalized Ichino-Ikeda conjecture). *Under certain assumptions on X, we have*

$$J_{\pi}^{\text{Aut}} = \prod_v J_{\pi_v}^{\text{Planch}}$$

where  $J_{\pi_v}^{\text{Planch}}$  is a local relative character normalized with a distinguished Plancherel measure.

We emphasize that we have not explained how to define  $J_{\pi_v}^{\text{Planch}}$  here, but that there is a reasonable way to normalize it in general.

Let's try to say something to demystify the global periods. If  $X = H \backslash G$  then we can think of  $X \times X/G^{\text{diag}} = H \backslash G/H$ . Thus we can think of  $f \in \mathcal{S}((X \times X)/G)$  as the pushforward of  $F \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ . Then

$$J_{\pi}(f) = \sum_{(\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}) \text{ of } (\pi, \tilde{\pi})} \int_{[H]} \varphi(h) dh \int \pi(F) \tilde{\varphi} dh$$

**Example 3.10.** The original Ichino-Ikeda Conjecture concerned  $X = \mathrm{SO}_n \backslash \mathrm{SO}_n \times \mathrm{SO}_{n+1}$ . The conjecture predicts that

$$J_\pi = \prod_v J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}}$$

but instead of phrasing things in terms of  $J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}}$ , they use an explicit expression which is related via

$$J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}}(f) = \sum_{(v, \tilde{v}) \text{ of } (\pi_v, \tilde{\pi}_v)} \int_{H(k_v)} \langle \pi_v(h), \tilde{\pi}_v(F)\tilde{v} \rangle dh = \int_{H(k_v)} \Theta_{\pi_v}(h \cdot F) dh.$$

For the case  $\mathrm{SO}_n \backslash \mathrm{SO}_n \times \mathrm{SO}_{n+1}$ , when  $F = \mathbb{I}_{G(\mathcal{O}_v)}$  and  $\pi_v$  is unramified, then

$$J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}}(f) = \frac{L(\pi_{v1} \times \pi_{v2}, 1/2)}{L(\pi_v, \mathrm{Ad}, 1)}$$

where  $\pi_v = \pi_{v1} \otimes \pi_{v2}$ .

**Example 3.11.** Let  $X = (N, \psi) \backslash G$ . Then the conjecture predicts

$$J_\pi = \prod_v J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}}$$

with almost every factor being

$$J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}}(f) = \frac{1}{L(\pi_v, \mathrm{Ad}, 1)}$$

where  $f$  is the pushforward of  $F = \mathbb{I}_{G(\mathcal{O}_v)}$ . This is conjectural except for  $\mathrm{GL}_n$  (Jacquet) and  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Sp}}_{2n}$  (Lapid-Mao).

Note that we are seeing a ratio of  $L$ -functions, with the denominator being the adjoint  $L$ -function. The numerator is called  $L_X$ .

**Example 3.12** (Ichino-Ikeda case). For  $X = \mathrm{SO}_n \backslash \mathrm{SO}_n \times \mathrm{SO}_{n+1}$  (with  $G = \mathrm{SO}_n \times \mathrm{SO}_{n+1}$ ), we have

$$L_X = L(\pi_{v1} \times \pi_{v2}, 1/2).$$

**Example 3.13** (Whittaker case). For  $X = (N, \psi) \backslash G$  we have  $L_X = 1$ .

**Example 3.14** (Group case). For  $X = H$  and  $G = H \times H$ , the representation  $\pi$  must be of the form  $\pi = \tau \otimes \tau^\vee$ . In this case  $J_{\pi_v}^{\mathrm{Planch}} = 1$ , as is tautological from our normalization, so we have  $L_X = L(\tau, \mathrm{Ad}, 1)$ .

Thus the spectral side of the RTF is a sum over automorphic representations of these (ratios of)  $L$ -values.

**3.6. The  $L$ -group of a spherical variety.** It turns out that “most” spherical varieties  $X$  have an  $L$ -group  ${}^L X \rightarrow {}^L G$  which controls the spectrum. (We are sweeping an Arthur  $\mathrm{SL}_2$  under the rug.)

**Example 3.15.** For  $X = (N, \psi) \backslash G$ , we should have  ${}^L X = {}^L G$  because every tempered  $L$ -packet is expected to have a generic (i.e.  $X$ -distinguished) element, so every automorphic representation of  $G$  should contribute to  $L^2(X)$ . Since we haven’t explained the definition of  ${}^L X$ , this is only a heuristic.

**Example 3.16.** For  $X = \mathrm{SO}_n \backslash \mathrm{SO}_n \times \mathrm{SO}_{n+1}$ , we should have  ${}^L X = {}^L G$  because every tempered  $L$ -packet is expected to have an  $X$ -distinguished element.

**Example 3.17.** For the group case  $X = H \backslash H \times H$ , we should have  ${}^L X = {}^L H \xrightarrow{\text{Id}, c} {}^L(H \times H)$ , where  $c$  is the Chevalley involution, because the  $G = H \times H$ -representations appearing in  $L^2(X)$  are only those of the form  $\tau \otimes \tilde{\tau}$ .

**3.7. The  $L$ -function of a spherical variety.** We also have a global  $L$ -function  $L_X$  attached to a spherical variety  $X$ . This has the form (a product of)  $L(\pi, r, s)$  where  $r: {}^L X \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$  and  $s \in \mathbf{C}$ .

**Example 3.18.** For  $X = \text{GL}_n \backslash \text{PGL}_{n+1}$ , we should have  ${}^L X = \text{SL}_2$  because

$$L^2(X) = \text{Ind}_{P_{2,n-1}}^{\text{PGL}_{n+1}}(L^2(N, \psi \backslash \text{PGL}_2))$$

where  $P_{2,n-1}$  is the standard parabolic subgroup of partition type  $(2, n-1)$  and acts on  $L^2(N, \psi \backslash \text{PGL}_2)$  through projection to  $\text{PGL}_2$ .

For  $n = 1$ , we are looking at  $X = \mathbf{G}_m \backslash \text{PGL}_2$ , so  $L_X = L(\pi, 1/2)^2$  because you should have square of the period for  $\mathbf{G}_m \backslash \text{PGL}_2$  (the adjoint  $L$ -value is coming from our different normalization than the usual one), which would give  $L(\pi, 1/2)$ .

#### 4. RELATIVE FUNCTORIALITY

**4.1. “Beyond Endoscopy” for spherical varieties.** Again we discuss the local setting. Suppose we have spherical varieties  $(X_1, G_1)$  and  $(X_2, G_2)$ . A map

$${}^L X_1 \rightarrow {}^L X_2$$

should induce a map from  $X_1$ -distinguished packets to  $X_2$ -distinguished packets, hence a map from stable relative characters for  $X_1$  to stable relative characters for  $X_2$ , which can be interpreted dually as a transfer operator

$$\mathcal{S}(X_1 \times X_1/G_1) \xleftarrow{\mathcal{T}} \mathcal{S}(X_2 \times X_2/G_2)$$

so that there is some sort of comparison of stable relative trace formulas

$$\text{RTF}_{X_2 \times X_2/G_2}(f) \rightsquigarrow \text{RTF}_{X_1 \times X_1/G_1}(\mathcal{T}f).$$

The problem is nontrivial already when  ${}^L X_1 \cong {}^L X_2$ . (This case was used to reprove Waldspurger’s form. It would be enough by itself to give Gross-Prasad.) In this case you can formulate precise desiderata. We will begin by describing a more naïve version, which we will then correct.

- (1) Locally, there should be a transfer operator which is a linear bijection

$$\mathcal{S}(X_1 \times X_1/G_1) \xleftarrow{\mathcal{T}} \mathcal{S}(X_2 \times X_2/G_2)$$

Secretly this should realize functoriality, so  $\mathcal{T}^*$  should take stable relative characters to stable relative characters for the same  $L$ -parameter. However this would be the *outcome* of having the theory of the transfer operator, so we cannot use it to construct  $\mathcal{T}$ .

The  $\mathcal{T}$  should satisfy a fundamental lemma for the Hecke algebra.

- (2) Globally, this should fit into a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S}(X_2 \times X_2/G_2(\mathbb{A})) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}} & \mathcal{S}(X_1 \times X_1/G_1(\mathbb{A})) \\ & \searrow \text{RTF}_{X_2 \times X_2/G_2} & \swarrow \text{RTF}_{X_1 \times X_1/G_1} \\ & \mathbf{C} & \end{array} \quad (4.1.1)$$

This would let you transfer questions about periods.

However, these two desiderata are already incompatible. Indeed, we have already seen that spherical varieties with the same  $L$ -group can have different  $L$ -functions. (For example, for any spherical variety we can find a Whittaker spherical variety with the same  $L$ -group, which automatically has  $L$ -function equal to 1.) The  $L$ -functions arise as special cases of periods, so we cannot have this sort of RTF (4.1.1) as is.

**4.2. Non-standard test measures.** Since in the Whittaker case the  $L$ -function was trivial, we might as well take it for one side. From now on, we take  $X_2$  to be the Whittaker period for the quasisplit group  $G^*$  such that  ${}^L G^* \cong {}^L X_1$ . Then

$$X_2 \times X_2/G_2 \cong (N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi).$$

We want to define a transfer operator

$$\mathcal{T}: \mathcal{S}((N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{S}(H \backslash G/H)$$

with a RTF as in (4.1.1). However, we have already noted that RTF for a basic function in the Whittaker case (Example 3.11) is  $\frac{1}{L(\text{Ad}, 1)}$  on the left side and  $\frac{L_X}{L(\text{Ad}, 1)}$  on the right side. So we need to use a new basic function for this to map. Thus we consider a transfer operator

$$\mathcal{T}: \mathcal{S}_{L_X}^-((N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{S}(H \backslash G/H).$$

where  $\mathcal{S}_{L_X}^-((N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi))$  is a larger space of “nonstandard” test measures for the Kuznetsov formula. We’ll explain how one can cook up a function in  $\mathcal{S}_{L_X}^-((N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi))$  for which the RTF outputs  $\frac{L_X}{L(\text{Ad}, 1)}$ .

Classically the KTF computes the inner product of two Poincaré series, i.e the Whittaker coefficients of Poincaré series. That is, if  $\Phi_n$  is the  $n$ th Poincaré series then

$$\text{KTF}(\Phi_n \otimes \Phi_1) = \sum_{\Pi} \sum_{\varphi \in \pi} a_n(\varphi) \overline{a_1(\varphi)}.$$

We want to add in a new test function  $f^0$  such that  $L_X = \text{KTF}(f^0)$ . To illustrate how this works, imagine expanding out a local factor of  $L_X$ :

$$L_{X,v} = \frac{1}{\det(\text{Id} - q^{-s}r(-))} = \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{-ns} \text{Tr}(\text{Sym}^n r(-)).$$

Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}((N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi))$  be the pushforward of the function  $\mathbb{1}_{G(\mathcal{O}_v)}$  on  $G$ . We know that the local period of  $f$  is  $\frac{1}{L(\text{Ad}, 1)}$ , so we replace

$$f \rightsquigarrow f^0 := \sum_n q^{-ns} h_n * f \tag{4.2.1}$$

where  $h_n$  is the Hecke operator corresponding to  $\text{Tr}(\text{Sym}^n r(-))$ .

**Example 4.1.** We’ll give an example of how to write down  $f^0$ . For  $G^* = \text{SL}_2$ , the usual space of test measures  $\mathcal{S}((N, \psi) \backslash G^*/(N, \psi))$  are certain measures on  $N \backslash G^*/N = \mathbf{G}_a$ , where the identification of the quotient is via

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto c.$$

To make a measure on this quotient, we first choose a section, e.g.

$$c \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} & c \\ -c^{-1} & \end{pmatrix}$$



For  $\phi \in \Phi(g) dg \in \mathcal{S}(\mathrm{SL}_2)$ ,  $\pi_! f$  is a measure on  $\mathbf{G}_a(F) = F$  given by

$$\pi_! \phi(t) = |c|^{1/2} \left( \int \Phi \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & c \\ -c^{-1} & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \psi^{-1}(x+y) dx dy \right) d^* c$$

Then we form  $f^0$  as a formal combination of  $\pi_! \phi_n$  for appropriate  $\phi_n = h_n * \mathbb{1}_{G(\mathcal{O}_v)}$ , as in (4.2.1).

## 5. EXAMPLES

Next time we'll start by explicitly describing

$$\mathcal{T}: \mathcal{S}^-(N, \psi \backslash \mathrm{SL}_2 / N, \psi) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^{st}(\mathrm{SL}_2 / \mathrm{SL}_2)$$

and

$$\mathcal{T}: \mathcal{S}_{L(\mathrm{Std}, 1/2)^2}^-(N, \psi \backslash \mathrm{PGL}_2 / N, \psi) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{G}_m \backslash \mathrm{PGL}_2 / \mathbf{G}_m)$$

## 6. GLOBAL APPLICATIONS

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