

Integrality properties of the Weil representation of a finite quadratic module

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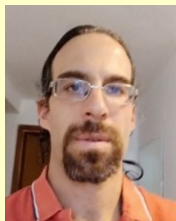
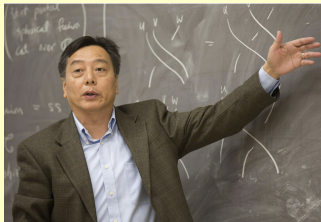
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$$\begin{aligned}\rho_D(T)(\delta_x) &= e^{2\pi i q(x)} \delta_x \\ \rho_D(S)(\delta_x) &= \frac{p^-(D)}{|D|} \sum_{y \in D} e^{-2\pi i b(x,y)} \delta_y,\end{aligned}$$

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- $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ generate $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. The pairs

$$S_n = (S, \sqrt[n]{\tau}), \quad T_n = (T, 1)$$

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Theorem (Nobs, 1970s)

Every complex irreducible representation of $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$ appears as a factor of a suitable Weil representation ρ_D , except for 18 exceptional ones when $N = 2^r$.

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Concretely: find a matrix M such that

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$\rho_{A_p} \simeq \rho_{A_p}^+ \oplus \rho_{A_p}^- \Rightarrow$ block decompositions

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$$\epsilon_+ = \delta_1 + \delta_{p-1}, \quad \epsilon_- = \delta_1 - \delta_{p-1}$$

and let the basis be

$$\epsilon_+, \rho_D(U)(\epsilon_+), \dots, \rho_D(U)(\epsilon_+)^{(p+1)/2},$$

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where $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

More integral bases: $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\
 0 & \zeta_9 & -\zeta_9^4 & 0 & -\zeta_9^4 - \zeta_9 & \zeta_9^4 + \zeta_9 & 0 & \zeta_9^4 & -\zeta_9 \\
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Thank you!