

[Tutorial] Modular Forms

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Construction of Modular Forms

There are not so many ways to construct modular forms explicitly.

- **Eisenstein Series**.
- **Theta functions** associated to a lattice and a spherical polynomial.
- Modular forms attached to **Hecke characters** on imaginary and real quadratic fields.
- Modular forms associated to **elliptic curves** by Wiles's modularity theorem
- **Trace forms** using the Eichler–Selberg trace formula.
- Many types of **operators** enabling to construct new modular forms from existing ones.
- Certain explicit **q -series** or products: **eta quotients**, **Nahm's conjecture**, etc...

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Practice: Modular Form Leaves I

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? Ser(V,q)
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DP = mflinear([E43, E62], [1, -1]/1728); mfcoefs(DP, 6)
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```
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% = [0, 1, -2, -1, 2, 1, 2, -2, 0, -2, -2]
? G = mffromell(ellinit("11a1"))[2]; mfisequal(F, G)
% = 1
```

Here `mfetaquo` represents an **eta quotient**, here $\eta(\tau)^2\eta(11\tau)^2$. The corresponding modular form is equal to the modular form associated to the elliptic curve “11a1” of conductor 11.

The `mffromell` command returns a triple `[mf, F, coe]`, where `mf` is a modular form **space**, `F` is the form, and `coe` the coefficients of `F` on the basis of `mf`

Practice: Modular Form Spaces I

```
? mf = mfinit([1,12]); L = mfbasis(mf); #L
% = 2
? mfdim(mf)
% = 2
? mfcoefs(L[1],6)
% = [691/65520, 1, 2049, 177148, 4196353, 48828126]
? mfcoefs(L[2],6)
% = [0, 1, -24, 252, -1472, 4830, -6048]
```

The default is to ask for the **full** space $M_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$ (flag = 4).

Note: for now, the Eisenstein series are given before the cusp forms, and they are normalized with $a(1) = 1$, **not** $a(0) = 1$ (which is impossible in general).

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[0, -1, 9, -8, -11, -1, 4, 1, 13, 7, 9]
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? mf = mfsplit(mf); mffields(mf)
% = [y, y^2 - y - 4]
? L = mfeigenbasis(mf); #L
% = 2
? mfcoefs(L[1],10)
% = [0, 1, 0, 1, -2, -1, 0, 1, 0, -2, 0]
? mfcoefs(L[2],3)
% = [Mod(0, y^2 - y - 4), Mod(1, y^2 - y - 4),
      Mod(-y, y^2 - y - 4), Mod(y - 1, y^2 - y - 4)]
? lift(mfcoefs(L[2],9))
% = [0, 1, -y, y - 1, y + 2, 1, -4, -1, -y - 4, -y + 2]
```

Practice: Modular Form Spaces IV

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[0, 1, 1.5615528128088302749107049279870385126,  
      -2.5615528128088302749107049279870385126,  
      0.43844718719116972508929507201296148743, 1]  
[0, 1, -2.5615528128088302749107049279870385126,  
      1.5615528128088302749107049279870385126,  
      4.5615528128088302749107049279870385126, 1]
```

```
? [mf,F,co] = mffromell(ellinit("35a1")); mfcoefs(F, 10)  
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Practice: Modular Form Spaces V

```
? apply(x->mfdim([96, 2], x), [0..4])  
% = [2, 9, 7, 15, 24]  
? mf = mfinit([96,2]); L = mfbasis(mf);  
? for (i = 12, 15, print(mfcoefs(L[i], 14)))  
[23/24, 1, 3, 4, 7, 6, 12, 8, 15, 13, 18, 12, 28]  
[31/24, 1, 3, 4, 7, 6, 12, 8, 15, 13, 18, 12, 28]  
[47/24, 1, 3, 4, 7, 6, 12, 8, 15, 13, 18, 12, 28]  
[95/24, 1, 3, 4, 7, 6, 12, 8, 15, 13, 18, 12, 28]
```

Practice: Modular Form Spaces VI

```
? F = mflinear([L[14],L[12]], [1,-1]); mfcoefs(F, 50)
% = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 24, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 24, 0, 0]
? G = mfhecke(F, 24); mfcoefs(G, 11)
% = [1, 24, 24, 96, 24, 144, 96, 192, 24, 312, 144, 288]
? mftobasis(mf, G)
% = [0, 0, 0, 0, 24, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]~
? 24*mfcoefs(L[5], 11)
% = [1, 24, 24, 96, 24, 144, 96, 192, 24, 312, 144, 288]
```


Practice: Modular Form Spaces VII

```
? mf=mfsplit([96,2]); mffields(mf)
% = [y, y]
? L = mfeigenbasis(mf); for(i=1,2,print(mfcoefs(L[i], 15)))
    [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, -4, 0, 1, 0, 4, 0, -2, 0, 2]
    [0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0, 1, 0, -4, 0, -2, 0, -2]
? Fa = mffromell(ellinit("96a1"))[2]; mfcoefs(Fa, 15)
% = [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, -4, 0, 1, 0, 4, 0, -2, 0, 2]
? Fb = mffromell(ellinit("96b1"))[2]; mfcoefs(Fb, 15)
% = [0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0, 1, 0, -4, 0, -2, 0, -2]
? mfisequal(mftwist(Fa, -4), Fb)
% = 1
```

Practice: Spaces with Characters I

```
? mf = mfsplit([35,2,5]); mffields(mf)
% = [y^2 + 1]
? F = mfeigenbasis(mf)[1]; lift(mfcoefs(F, 10))
% = [0, 1, 2*y, -y, -2, -y - 2, 2, -y, 0, 2, -4*y + 2]
```

Here, the last **5** in the command `mfsplit([35,2,5])` represents the quadratic Legendre character $(5/n)$.

Because `mffields` gives $y^2 + 1$, in the last output y is equal to one of the two roots of $y^2 + 1 = 0$.

Practice: Spaces with Characters II

```
? mf = mfinit([23,1,-23], 0); mfdim(mf)
% = 1
? F = mfbasis(mf)[1]; mfcoefs(F, 15)
% = [0, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 0]
? mfgaloistype(mf,F)
% = 6
```

`mfgaloistype` asks for the image in $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ of the projective representation associated to the form, here D_6 . This command is specific to **weight 1 forms**.

Practice: Spaces with Characters III

Since the form is of type D_6 , hence **dihedral**, it can be obtained by theta functions. In the present case, the command `mffromqf` does what is required:

```
? F1 = mffromqf([2,1;1,12])[2]; V1 = mfcoefs(F1, 15)
% = [1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0]
? F2 = mffromqf([4,1;1,6])[2]; V2 = mfcoefs(F2, 15)
% = [1, 0, 2, 2, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0]
? (V1 - V2)/2
% = [0, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 0]
? mfisequal(F, mflinear([F1, F2], [1, -1]/2))
% = 1
```

Practice: Modular Forms of Weight One I

Note that when we wrote `mf=mfinit([23,1,-23], 0)`, we **knew** that the character to choose is $(-23/n)$. What if we don't ? This is especially important for **weight 1** modular forms.

```
? G = znstar(23, 1);
? L = [[G,chi] | chi<-znchargalois(G),zncharisodd(G,chi)];#L
% = 2
? apply(x->mfdim([23,1,x], 0), L)
% = [0, 1]
? apply(x->charorder(x[1],x[2]), L)
% = [22, 2]
```

The above shows the most general way to define a Dirichlet character: first define the **group G** using `znstar(N,1)` (flag 1 necessary), then specify `chi` on generators, e.g., using `znchargalois` or otherwise.

Practice: Modular Forms of Weight One II

```
? mfa = mfinit([23,1,0], 0); #mfa
% = 1
? mf = mfa[1]; mfdim(mf)
% = 1
? mfparams(mf)
% = [23, 1, -23]
```

This illustrates **wildcards**: the **0** (which is of course not limited to weight **1**) means that the result is a vector of `mf` of all nonzero spaces with given level and weight, but varying character (here, `mfparams` says that the only one is $(-23/n)$).

Practice: Modular Forms of Weight One III

```
wt1exp(lim1,lim2)=
{
  my(mfall,mf,chi,chiz,ord,M,res,V);
  for(N=lim1,lim2,
    mfall=mfinit([N,1,0], 0); /* Use wildcard, more efficient */
    for(i=1,#mfall,
      mf=mfsplit(mfall[i]);
      chi=mfparams(mf)[3]; /* nice format: D or Mod(a,N) */
      chiz=znchar(chi); /* necessary to use charorder */
      ord=charorder(chiz[1],chiz[2]);
      M=mfeigenbasis(mf);
      for(k=1,#M,
        res=mfgaloistype(mf,M[k]);
        if(res<0,print([N,chi,k,ord,-res])))
      )
    )
  );
```

Practice: Modular Forms of Weight One IV

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Practice: Miscellaneous Commands I

```
? mf=mfsplit([96,6]); mffields(mf)
% = [y, y, y, y, y, y, y^2 - 31, y^2 - 31]
? mfatkineigenvalues(mf,3)
% = [[-1], [-1], [-1], [1], [1], [1], [-1, -1], [1, 1]]
? mf=mfsplit([96,3,-3]); mffields(mf)
% = [y^4 + 8*y^2 + 9, y^4 + 4*y^2 + 1]
? mfatkineigenvalues(mf,3)
*** at top-level: mfatkineigenvalues(mf,3)
***          ^-----
*** mfatkineigenvalues: sorry, pseudo eigenvalues
    for W_Q is not yet implemented.
? mfatkineigenvalues(mf,32)
% = [[I, -I, -I, I], [-I, I, I, -I]]
```

It is **normal** to have an error in the command `mfatkineigenvalues(mf,3)`.

Practice: Miscellaneous Commands II

```
? mf = mfinit([96,2], 1); L = mfbasis(mf);  
? apply(x->mfconductor(mf,x), L)  
% = [24, 48, 96, 32, 96, 48, 96, 96, 96]
```

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? for (i=1,#L,print(mfcoefs(L[i],14)))  
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[0, -1, 9, -8, -11, -1, 4, 1, 13, 7, 9, 8, -20, 6, -9]  
[0, 0, -8, 10, 4, -2, 4, 2, -4, -12, -8, -12, 12, -6, 8]  
? for (i=1,#L,print(mfcuspexpansion(mf,L[i],1/5,14)));  
[0, 1, -1, -2, 7, 3, -8, -3, -9, 5, -1, 4, 8, 0, 1]  
[0, -1, 9, -8, -11, -1, 4, 1, 13, 7, 9, 8, -20, 6, -9]  
[0, -2, -8, 8, 8, 0, 4, 0, -4, -8, -8, -6, 16, -16, 8]
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Practice: Miscellaneous Commands III

```
? C = mfcusps(108)
% = [0, 1/2, 1/3, 2/3, 1/4, 1/6, 5/6, 1/9, 2/9, 1/12,
      5/12, 1/18, 5/18, 1/27, 1/36, 5/36, 1/54, 1/108]
? apply(x->mfcuspwidth(108,x), C)
% = [108, 27, 12, 12, 27, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3,
      3, 1, 1, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1]
? NK = [108,3,-4]; apply(x->mfcuspisregular(NK,x), C)
% = [1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1]
? [c | c<-C, !mfcuspisregular(NK,c)]
% = [1/2, 1/6, 5/6, 1/18, 5/18, 1/54]
```

Practice: Miscellaneous Commands IV

```
? E4 = mfEk(4); G = mfderivE2(E4); mfcoefs(G, 6)
% = [-1/3, 168, 5544, 40992, 177576, 525168, 1352736]
? mfcoefs(mfEk(6), 6)/(-3)
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? F = mfderivE2(E4, 3); (-9)*mfcoefs(F, 5)
% = [1, -264, -135432, -5196576, -69341448, -515625264]
? mfisequal(mfEk(10), mflinear([F],[ -9]))
% = 1
```

```
? E4 = mfEk(4); mfeval(E4,I)
% = 1.4557628922687093224624220035988692874
? 3*gamma(1/4)^8/(2*Pi)^6
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Practice: Miscellaneous Commands V

```
? mf = mfinit([96,4], 0); M = mfmathecke(mf, 7)
```

```
% =
```

```
[0 0 0 372 696 0]
```

```
[0 0 36 0 0 -96]
```

```
[0 27/5 0 -276/5 -276/5 0]
```

```
[1 0 -12 0 0 62]
```

```
[0 0 1 0 0 -16]
```

```
[0 -3/5 0 14/5 -16/5 0]
```


Practice: Miscellaneous Commands VI

```
? P = charpoly(M)
% = x^6 - 1456*x^4 + 209664*x^2 - 2985984
? print(factor(P))
[x - 36, 1; x - 12, 1; x - 4, 1; x + 4, 1;
      x + 12, 1; x + 36, 1]
```

Note that this shows that all the eigenvalues of $T(7)$ are integral, so the splitting will be entirely rational and the eigenforms with integral coefficients. Let's check:

Practice: Miscellaneous Commands VII

```
? mf = mfsplit(mf); mffields(mf)
% = [y, y, y, y, y, y]
? L = mfeigenbasis(mf); for(i=1,6,print(mfcoefs(L[i],15)))
[0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 10, 0, 4, 0, 9, 0, -20, 0, 70, 0, 30]
[0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 2, 0, 12, 0, 9, 0, 60, 0, -42, 0, 6]
[0, 1, 0, 3, 0, -14, 0, -36, 0, 9, 0, -36, 0, 54, 0, -42]
[0, 1, 0, -3, 0, 10, 0, -4, 0, 9, 0, 20, 0, 70, 0, -30]
[0, 1, 0, -3, 0, 2, 0, -12, 0, 9, 0, -60, 0, -42, 0, -6]
[0, 1, 0, -3, 0, -14, 0, 36, 0, 9, 0, 36, 0, 54, 0, 42]
```

Note again the **twisting** phenomenon: there are three eigenforms, and three twists by the character $(-4/n)$.

Practice: Miscellaneous Commands VIII

```
? M = mfmataatkin(mf,3)
? [matdet(M), mfatkineigenvalues(mf,3)]
```

```
% =
```

```
[ 0 -3 0 0 -24 0]
```

```
[-1/3 0 -4/3 0 0 -12]
```

```
[ 0 0 0 -9/5 -6/5 0]
```

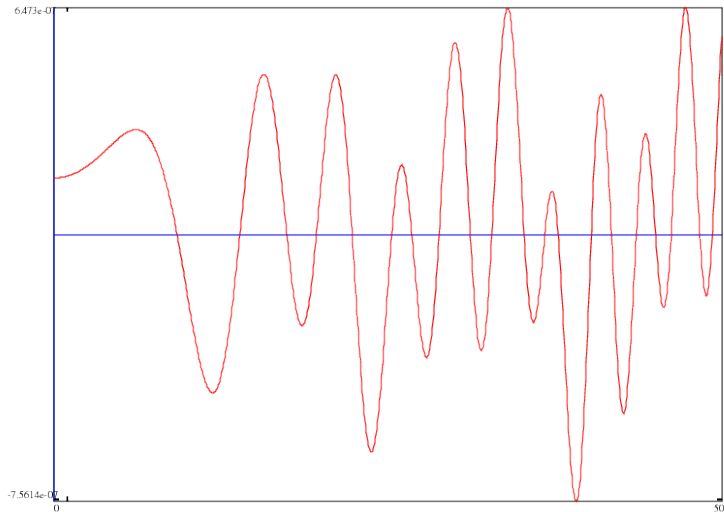
```
[ 0 0 -2/3 0 0 -1]
```

```
[ 0 0 1/6 0 0 3/2]
```

```
[ 0 0 0 1/5 4/5 0]
```

```
% = [-1, [-1], [-1], [-1], [1], [1], [1]]]
```


Practice: Combination with L-Functions II



Practice: Combination with L-Functions III

```
? PP = mfperiodpol(mfDelta(),-1); PP /= polcoeff(PP,1);  
? bestappr(PP)  
% = x^9 - 25/4*x^7 + 21/2*x^5 - 25/4*x^3 + x  
? PM = mfperiodpol(mfDelta(),1); PM /= polcoeff(PM,0);  
? bestappr(PP)  
% = -x^10 + 691/36*x^8 - 691/12*x^6  
      + 691/12*x^4 - 691/36*x^2 + 1  
? mfperiodpolbasis(12)  
% = [x^8 - 3*x^6 + 3*x^4 - x^2,  
      4*x^9 - 25*x^7 + 42*x^5 - 25*x^3 + 4*x, x^10 - 1]
```

Practice: Miscellaneous Commands IX

```
? E4 = mfEk(4); F = mfbracket(E4, E4, 2); mfcoefs(F, 6)/480
% = [0, 1, -24, 252, -1472, 4830, -6048]
? D = mfDelta(); mftaylor(D, 9)*1728
% = [1, 0, -1/12, 0, 1/96, 0, 1/288, 0, -11/2304, 0]
? D3 = mftwist(D, -3); mfcoefs(D3, 9)
% = [0, 1, 24, 0, -1472, -4830, 0, -16744, -84480, 0]
? P = mfparams(D3)
% = [9, 12, 1]
? mf = mfinit(P, 1); mftobasis(mf, D3)
% = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      5546/4131, -1232/12393, -47/16524, 11/24786]~
```


Practice: Miscellaneous Commands X

```
? F = mffromell(ellinit("49a1"))[2]; mfisCM(F)
% = -7
? mfisequal(F, mftwist(F, -7))
% = 1
? mf = mfsplit([23,1,-23], 1);
? F = mfeigenbasis(mf)[1]; mfisCM(F)
% = -23
? mfisequal(F, mftwist(F, -23))
% = 0
```

Practice: Searching: mfsearch I

We want to **search** for normalized **eigenforms** with **integral** (equivalently, rational) Fourier coefficients, given a few $a(p)$ for p prime, possibly modulo something.

```
? L = mfsearch([30,4], [[2,2],[3,-1]]); #L
% = 1
? [N, F] = L[1]; mfparams(F)
% = [26, 4, 1]
? mfcoefs(F, 10)
% = [0, 1, 2, -1, 4, 17, -2, -35, 8, -26, 34]
```

Practice: Searching: mfsearch II

```
? L=mfsearch([30,4], [[2,Mod(2,5)], [3,Mod(-1,5)]]); #L
% = 2
? apply(x->x[1], L)
% = [26, 26]
? F1 = L[1][2]; mfcoefs(F1, 10)
% = [0, 1, 2, -1, 4, 17, -2, -35, 8, -26, 34]
? F2 = L[2][2]; mfcoefs(F2, 10)
% = [0, 1, 2, 4, 4, -18, 8, 20, 8, -11, -36]
? F = mflinear([F1, F2], [-1, 1]); mfcoefs(F, 14)/5
% = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, -7, 2, 11, 0, 3, -14, -10, 4, 0, 22]
? mfsturm([26,4])
% = 15
```

Thank you for your attention !