

# Topological and arithmetic intersection numbers attached to real quadratic cycles

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# Preamble

Arithmetic quotients of symmetric spaces, and topological cycles on them, often behave “as if” they were algebraic.

For instance, a modular curve  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})\backslash\mathcal{H}$  is equipped with a canonical collection of:

- CM zero cycles, which *are* algebraic, and defined over ring class fields of imaginary quadratic fields.
- geodesic cycles attached to ideal classes of real quadratic quadratic fields, which are not algebraic.

**Claim:** These geodesic cycles (and their quaternionic analogues) encode the valuations of a richer collection of invariants, suitable for generating class fields of real quadratic fields.

## Singular moduli

A *singular modulus* is a value of  $j(z)$  at a quadratic imaginary argument (CM point) in the Poincaré upper half plane  $\mathcal{H}$ .

The *theory of complex multiplication* asserts that these values are *algebraic integers*.

Examples:

$$j(i) = 1728; \quad j\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{-3}}{2}\right) = 0; \quad j\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}\right) = -3375.$$

$$j\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{-23}}{2}\right) = w, \quad \text{where}$$

$$w^3 + 3491750w^2 - 5151296875w + 12771880859375 = 0.$$

It generates the Hilbert class field of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$ .

## Differences of singular moduli and their factorisations

**Gross, Zagier (1984).** For all  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  quadratic imaginary, the quantity

$$J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2) := j(\tau_1) - j(\tau_2) \in H_{12} := H_{\tau_1} H_{\tau_2}$$

is a smooth algebraic integer with an explicit factorisation.

All the primes  $q$  dividing  $\text{Norm} J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  are  $\leq D_1 D_2 / 4$ .

The valuation  $\text{ord}_q \text{Norm} J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  is related to the *topological intersection* of certain CM 0-cycles on a zero-dimensional Shimura variety, attached to the definite quaternion algebra ramified at  $q$  and  $\infty$ .

## Modular generating series

Let

$$J_\infty(D_1, D_2) := \prod J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2), \quad \text{disc}(\tau_1) = D_1, \text{disc}(\tau_2) = D_2,$$

**Kudla, Rapoport, Yang.** The quantity  $c(D_2) := \log J_\infty(D_1, D_2)$  (with  $D_1$  fixed) is the  $D_1 D_2$ -th Fourier coefficient of a *mock modular form* of weight  $3/2$ .

## Real quadratic fields

If  $\tau$  is a real quadratic irrationality, then  $j(\tau)$  is not defined...!

It is a part of “Kronecker’s jugendtraum” or Hilbert’s twelfth problem, to “make sense” of  $j(\tau)$  in this setting.

**Goals of this lecture:** For  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  real quadratic,

- construct  $J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2) \stackrel{?}{\in} H_{12}$  by  $p$ -adic analytic means;
- relate  $\text{ord}_q J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  to the *topological intersection* of certain real quadratic geodesics on Shimura curves.
- interpret the generating series for  $\log_p J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  in terms of certain “ $p$ -adic mock modular forms”.

## Drinfeld's $p$ -adic upper-half plane

The Drinfeld  $p$ -adic upper half plane  $\mathcal{H}_p := \mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{C}_p) - \mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  offers a tempting framework for “real multiplication theory”, since, unlike  $\mathcal{H}$ , it contains an abundance of real quadratic irrationalities.

### Definition

A point on  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$  is called a *real multiplication (RM) point* if it belongs to  $\mathcal{H}_p \cap K$  for some real quadratic field  $K$ .

**Hope:** A  $p$ -adic analogue of  $j$  leads to singular moduli for real quadratic  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$ .

**Question:** What is this  $p$ -adic analogue?



## Rigid meromorphic functions on $\mathcal{H}_p$

**Classical setting:** Meromorphic functions on  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}$ .

**The  $p$ -adic setting:** A *rigid meromorphic function* is a ratio of rigid analytic functions.

It is natural to consider rigid meromorphic functions with good transformation properties under  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

In fact it turns out to be appropriate to work with an even larger group of symmetries: the  $p$ -modular group

$$\Gamma := \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}[1/p]).$$

## Functions on $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_p$

The action of  $\Gamma$ , or even of  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , on  $\mathcal{H}_p$  is not discrete in the  $p$ -adic topology. The subgroup of translations  $z \mapsto z + n$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , already has non-discrete orbits!

Let  $\mathcal{M} :=$  the space of rigid meromorphic functions on  $\mathcal{H}_p$ , endowed with the translation action of  $\Gamma$ :

$$f|_{\gamma} = f \left( \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \right).$$

There are no non-constant  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  or  $\Gamma$ -invariant elements in  $\mathcal{M}$ :

$$H^0(\Gamma, \mathcal{M}) = \mathbb{C}_p.$$

## Rigid meromorphic cocycles

Let  $\mathcal{M}^\times :=$  the multiplicative group of non-zero elements of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Since  $H^0(\Gamma, \mathcal{M}^\times) = \mathbb{C}_p^\times$ , consider its higher cohomology instead!

### Definition

A *rigid meromorphic cocycle* is a class in  $H^1(\Gamma, \mathcal{M}^\times)$ .

It is said to be *parabolic* if its restrictions to the parabolic subgroups of  $\Gamma$  are trivial.

Elementary but key observation: rigid meromorphic cocycles can be meaningfully *evaluated* at RM points.

## Evaluating a modular cocycle at an RM point

An element  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$  is an RM point if and only if

$$\text{Stab}_\Gamma(\tau) = \langle \pm\gamma_\tau \rangle$$

is an infinite group of rank one.

### Definition

If  $J \in H^1(\Gamma, \mathcal{M}^\times)$  is a rigid meromorphic cocycle, and  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$  is an RM point, then the *value* of  $J$  at  $\tau$  is

$$J[\tau] := J(\gamma_\tau)(\tau) \in \mathbb{C}_p \cup \{\infty\}.$$

The quantity  $J[\tau]$  is a well-defined numerical invariant, independent of the cocycle representing the class of  $J$ , and

$$J[\gamma\tau] = J[\tau], \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

## Rigid meromorphic cocycles and RM points

Let  $S$  be the standard matrix of order 2 in  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

**Theorem (Jan Vonk, D)**

*If  $J$  is a rigid meromorphic cocycle, then  $j := J(S) \in \mathcal{M}^\times$  has its poles concentrated in finitely many  $\Gamma$ -orbits of RM points.*

$H_\tau :=$  ring class field attached to the prime-to- $p$ -part of  $\text{disc}(\tau)$ .

**Definition**

The *field of definition* of  $J$ , denoted  $H_J$ , is the compositum of  $H_\tau$  as  $\tau$  ranges over the poles of  $j(z)$ .

# The main conjecture of real multiplication

The main assertion of complex multiplication:

**Theorem (Kronecker, ...)**

*Let  $J$  be a meromorphic modular function on  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}$  with fourier coefficients in a field  $H_J$ .*

*For all imaginary quadratic  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$ , the value  $J(\tau)$  belongs to the compositum of  $H_J$  and  $H_\tau$ .*

**Conjecture (Jan Vonk, D)**

*Let  $J$  be a rigid meromorphic cocycle on  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}[1/p]) \backslash \mathcal{H}_p$ , and let  $H_J$  denote its field of definition.*

*For all real quadratic  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$ , the value  $J[\tau]$  belongs to the compositum of  $H_J$  and  $H_\tau$ .*

## Example of rigid meromorphic cocycles

For real quadratic  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$ , the orbit  $\Gamma\tau$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}_p$ .

The set  $\Sigma_\tau := \{w \in \Gamma\tau \text{ such that } ww' < 0\}$  is discrete.

### Theorem (Vonk, D)

Let  $p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 41, 47, 59$ , or  $71$ . (I.e.,  $p$  divides the cardinality of the Monster sporadic group!) For each real quadratic  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$ , there is a unique rigid meromorphic cocycle  $J_\tau^+$  for which  $j_\tau^+ := J_\tau^+(S)$  is given by

$$j_\tau^+(z) \sim \prod_{\substack{w \in \Sigma_\tau \\ |w|_p \leq 1}} \left( \frac{z-w}{z-pw} \right)^{\text{sgn}(w)} \times \prod_{\substack{w \in \Sigma_\tau \\ |w|_p > 1}} \left( \frac{z/w-1}{z/pw-1} \right)^{\text{sgn}(w)} .$$

## Computational aspects

Rigid meromorphic cocycles are amenable to explicit numerical calculations on the computer, for the following reasons:

- The rigid meromorphic cocycle  $J$  is completely determined by a single rigid analytic function  $j := J(S) \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}_p}$ .
- The value  $J[\tau]$  can be expressed as a product of values of the form  $j(w)$  where  $w$  belongs to the “standard affinoid”  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{H}_p$ , namely, the complement of the  $p + 1 \bmod p$  residue discs centered at the points in  $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .
- The image of  $j(z)$  in the Tate algebra  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}}$  can be computed with an accuracy of  $p^{-M}$  in time that is polynomial in  $M$ .



## An example

Let  $\varphi = \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  be the golden ratio.

The  $p$ -adic  $J_\varphi^+$  for  $p = 2, 3, 7, 13, 17, 23$ , or  $47$ , is the “simplest instance” of a rigid meromorphic cocycle.

The RM point  $\tau = \sqrt{223}$  of discriminant 223 has class number 6, and  $J_\varphi^+[\sqrt{223}]$  appears to satisfy:

$$p = 7. \quad 282525425x^6 + 27867770x^5 + 414793887x^4 - \\ 128906260x^3 + 414793887x^2 + 27867770x + 282525425,$$

$$p = 13. \quad 464800x^6 + 1275520x^5 + 1614802x^4 + 1596283x^3 + \\ 1614802x^2 + 1275520x + 464800,$$

$$p = 47. \quad 4x^6 + 4x^5 + x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 4.$$

## An aside on rational modular cocycles

Rigid meromorphic cocycles are analogous to *rational modular cocycles*: elements  $\Phi \in H^1(\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}), \mathcal{R}^\times)$ , where  $\mathcal{R}^\times$  is the multiplicative group of rational functions on  $\mathbb{P}_1$ .

- These objects were studied and classified by Marvin Knopp, Avner Ash, Youngju Choie and Don Zagier.
- Bill Duke, Ozlem Imamoglu, Arpad Toth: the RM values of rational modular cocycles are related to the topological linking numbers of real quadratic geodesics on  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

# Classification of rigid meromorphic cocycles

Guided by the Knopp-Choie-Zagier classification, we have:

**Theorem (Jan Vonk, D)**

*For any RM point  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}_p$ , there is a unique  $J_\tau \in H^1(\Gamma, \mathcal{M}^\times / \mathbb{C}_p^\times)$  whose poles are concentrated on  $\Gamma\tau$ .*

*Every rigid meromorphic cocycle is a product of powers of finitely many of these  $J_\tau$ , modulo scalars.*

The definition of  $J_\tau$  is very similar to that of  $J_\tau^+$ .

**Remark:**  $H_{\text{par}}^1(\Gamma, \mathbb{C}_p^\times)$  is trivial, so a rigid meromorphic cocycle is determined by its image in  $H^1(\Gamma, \mathcal{M}^\times / \mathbb{C}_p^\times)$ .

## $p$ -adic intersection numbers

The work of Duke, Imamoglu and Toth on linking number of modular geodesics immediately suggests the following definition:

**Definition:** The quantity  $J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2) := J_{\tau_1}[\tau_2] \stackrel{?}{\in} H_{12}$  is called the  *$p$ -adic intersection number* of  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ .

Conjecture (Jan Vonk, D)

*The quantity  $J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  behaves in many key respects like the classical  $J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2) = j(\tau_1) - j(\tau_2)$  of Gross-Zagier.*

A few values of  $J_p(\sqrt{2}, \tau)$  with  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$

$\tau$	$p = 3$	$p = 5$	$p = 13$
$2\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{7+24\sqrt{-1}}{2 \cdot 5^2}$	$\frac{-7+4\sqrt{-2}}{3^2}$	1
$4\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{-7+24\sqrt{-1}}{2 \cdot 5^2}$	$\frac{-7+4\sqrt{-2}}{3^2}$	1
$7\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{-97247+24675\sqrt{-7}}{2^3 \cdot 11^4}$	$\frac{-2719+5763\sqrt{-7}}{2^7 \cdot 11^2}$	$\frac{31+3\sqrt{-7}}{2^5}$
$8\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{2047+3696\sqrt{-1}}{5^2 \cdot 13^2}$	$\frac{511+680\sqrt{-2}}{3^2 \cdot 11^2}$	$\frac{7+4\sqrt{-2}}{3^2}$
$11\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{-17005256513+1565252064\sqrt{-22}}{13^2 \cdot 19^4 \cdot 29^2}$	$\frac{28463+504\sqrt{-22}}{13^4}$	$\frac{-8071+2363\sqrt{-11}}{2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^4}$
$16\sqrt{2}$	$\frac{985306661831273376-3358763261719606193\sqrt{-1}}{5^6 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 29^4 \cdot 37^4}$	$\frac{651578431+788458960\sqrt{-2}}{3^6 \cdot 11^6}$	$\frac{-7+4\sqrt{-2}}{3^2}$

## Gross-Zagier factorisations

$$J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2) := j(\tau_1) - j(\tau_2) \in H_{12} = H_1 H_2.$$

Fix embeddings of  $H_{12}$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  and into  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_q$ , for each  $q$ .

We can then talk about  $\text{ord}_q J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

Gross and Zagier gave an algebraic formula for this quantity, involving the **definite** quaternion algebra  $B_{q\infty}$  satisfying:

- $B_{q\infty} \otimes \mathbb{R} \simeq H$ , where  $H =$  Hamilton quaternions;
- $B_{q\infty} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_q \simeq H_q$ , the unique division algebra of rank 4 over  $\mathbb{Q}_q$ ;
- $B_{q\infty} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell \simeq M_2(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ , for all  $\ell \neq \infty, q$ .

## Quaternionic embeddings

A CM point  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$  of discriminant  $D < 0$  corresponds to an embedding of the order  $\mathcal{O}$  into  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , the maximal order in the split quaternion algebra  $M_2(\mathbb{Q})$ .

**Definition:** An optimal embedding of  $\mathcal{O}$  into  $B_{q\infty}$  is a pair  $(\varphi, R)$  where  $R$  is a maximal order in  $B_{q\infty}$  and  $\varphi : K \rightarrow B_{q\infty}$  satisfies  $\varphi(K) \cap R = \varphi(\mathcal{O})$ .

The group  $B_{q\infty}^\times$  acts on  $\text{Emb}(\mathcal{O}, B_{q\infty})$  by conjugation:

$$b * (\varphi, R) = (b\varphi b^{-1}, bRb^{-1}).$$

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{O}, B_{q\infty}) := B_{q\infty}^\times \backslash \text{Emb}(\mathcal{O}, B_{q\infty}).$$

**Key Fact:** Both  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}^D$  and  $\Sigma(\mathcal{O}, B_{q\infty})$  are endowed with simply transitive  $G_D$ -actions.

## Arithmetic intersection multiplicities

- Given  $(\varphi_1, R_1) \in \text{Emb}(\mathcal{O}_1, B_{q^\infty})$  and  $(\varphi_2, R_2) \in \text{Emb}(\mathcal{O}_2, B_{q^\infty})$ ,

$$\text{let } [\varphi_1, \varphi_2]_q = 0 \text{ if } R_1 \neq R_2,$$

and, if  $R_1 = R_2 =: R$ ,

$$[\varphi_1, \varphi_2]_q := \text{Max}_t \text{ such that } \varphi_1(\mathcal{O}_1) = \varphi_2(\mathcal{O}_2) \text{ in } R/q^{t-1}R.$$

- Given  $(\varphi_1, R_1) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{O}_1, B_{q^\infty})$  and  $(\varphi_2, R_2) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{O}_2, B_{q^\infty})$ , set

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)_q := \sum_{b \in B_{q^\infty}^\times} [b\varphi_1 b^{-1}, \varphi_2]_q.$$



# The Gross-Zagier factorisation

## Theorem (Gross-Zagier)

Let  $q \nmid D_1 D_2$  be a prime. If  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  is a square modulo  $q$ , then  $\text{ord}_q J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2) = 0$ . Otherwise, there exists bijections

$$\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}^{D_1} \leftrightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{O}_{D_1}, B_{q\infty}), \quad \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}^{D_2} \leftrightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{O}_{D_2}, B_{q\infty}),$$

compatible with the  $G_{D_1}$  and  $G_{D_2}$ -actions, for which

$$\text{ord}_q J_\infty(\tau_1, \tau_2) = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)_q,$$

for all  $\tau_1 \in \mathcal{H}^{D_1}$  and  $\tau_2 \in \mathcal{H}^{D_2}$ , associated to  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  respectively.

## Factorisations of real quadratic singular moduli

We now consider the factorisation of  $J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2) \stackrel{?}{\in} H_{12} = H_1 H_2$ .

Fix embeddings of  $H_{12}$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  and into  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_q$ , for each  $q$ .

We can then talk about  $\text{ord}_q J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

Our conjectural formula for this quantity, involves... the **indefinite** quaternion algebra  $B_{qp}$  ramified at  $q$  and  $p$ :

- $B_{qp} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_q \simeq H_q$ ,  $B_{qp} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p \simeq H_p$ , the unique division algebra of rank 4 over  $\mathbb{Q}_q$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ;
- $B_{qp} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell \simeq M_2(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ , for all  $\ell \neq p, q$ .
- $B_{qp} \otimes \mathbb{R} \simeq M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ;

## Shimura curves

Because  $B_{qp}$  is indefinite, it has a *unique* maximal order  $R$ , up to conjugation.

The group  $\Gamma_{pq} = R_1^\times \subset \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts discretely and co-compactly on  $\mathcal{H}$ ;

The Riemann surface  $\Gamma_{pq} \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is called the *Shimura curve* attached to the pair  $(p, q)$ .

Given embeddings  $\varphi_1 \in \text{Emb}(\mathcal{O}_1, R)$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \text{Emb}(\mathcal{O}_2, R)$ , let  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  be the hyperbolic geodesics on  $\mathcal{H}$  joining the fixed points for  $\varphi_1(\mathcal{O}_1^\times)$  and  $\varphi_2(\mathcal{O}_2^\times)$  respectively.

The geodesics  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  map to closed geodesics  $\bar{\gamma}_1$  and  $\bar{\gamma}_2$  on the Shimura curve  $\Gamma_{pq} \backslash \mathcal{H}$ .

## Topological intersections

$[\gamma_1, \gamma_2]_\infty :=$  signed intersection of  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ .

**Fact.** The topological intersection multiplicity of  $\bar{\gamma}_1$  and  $\bar{\gamma}_2$  on the Shimura curve  $\Gamma_{pq} \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is

$$(\bar{\gamma}_1, \bar{\gamma}_2)_\infty := \sum_{b \in \mathcal{O}_2^\times \backslash \Gamma_{pq} / \mathcal{O}_1^\times} [b\gamma_1 b^{-1}, \gamma_2]_\infty.$$

**Definition.** The  $q$ -weighted intersection number of  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  is

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)_{q\infty} := \sum_{b \in \mathcal{O}_2^\times \backslash \Gamma_{pq} / \mathcal{O}_1^\times} [b\varphi_1 b^{-1}, \varphi_2]_q \cdot [b\gamma_1 b^{-1}, \gamma_2]_\infty.$$

## A Gross-Zagier-style factorisation

Conjecture (Jan Vonk, D)

Let  $q \nmid D_1 D_2$  be a prime. If  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  is a square modulo  $q$ , then  $\text{ord}_q J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2) = 0$ . Otherwise, there exists bijections

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_p^{D_1} \leftrightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{O}_{D_1}, R), \quad \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_p^{D_2} \leftrightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{O}_{D_2}, R),$$

which are compatible with the  $G_{D_1}$  and  $G_{D_2}$ -actions, and for which

$$\text{ord}_q J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2) = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)_{q\infty},$$

for all  $\tau_1 \in \mathcal{H}_p^{D_1}$  and  $\tau_2 \in \mathcal{H}_p^{D_2}$ , associated to  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  respectively.

## An example

James Rickards has developed and implemented efficient algorithms for computing the  $q$ -weighted topological intersection numbers of real quadratic geodesics on Shimura curves.

An example:  $D_1 = 13$ ,  $D_2 = 285 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 19$ ,  $p = 2$

**Vonk, D:**  $J_2(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  satisfies (to 800 digits of 2-adic precision)

$$\begin{aligned} & 77360972841758936947502973998239x^4 + 140181070438890831721314135099803x^3 \\ & + 209895619549791255199413489899292x^2 + 140181070438890831721314135099803x \\ & + 77360972841758936947502973998239, \end{aligned}$$

**James Rickards:**  $e_{q2} := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\tau_1, \tau_2} |(\varphi_{\tau_1}, \varphi_{\tau_2})_{q\infty}|$  on  $\Gamma_{2q} \setminus \mathcal{H}$ .

$q$	7	19	31	73	109	151	163	397	457	463
$e_{q2}$	7	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1

**But:**  $77360972841758936947502973998239 =$

$$7^7 \cdot 19^2 \cdot 31^2 \cdot 73 \cdot 109^2 \cdot 151^2 \cdot 163 \cdot 397 \cdot 457 \cdot 463.$$

## Norms of singular moduli

Let  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  be a prime, and for all *negative*  $D$ ,

$$J_{\infty}(-q, D) := \prod_{\substack{\text{disc}(\tau_1)=-q, \\ \text{disc}(\tau_2)=D}} J_{\infty}(\tau_1, \tau_2) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**Gross-Zagier, Kudla-Rapoport-Yang:** The quantity  $c(D) := \log J_{\infty}(-q, -D)$  for  $D > 0$  is the  $D$ -th Fourier coefficient of a non-holomorphic modular form of weight  $3/2$ .

This assertion is a very special case of the “Kudla program”, predicting that quantities like  $c(D)$ , which describe the arithmetic intersections of natural cycles on Shimura varieties, can be packaged into a modular generating series.



# The incoherent Eisenstein series of Kudla-Rapoport-Yang

Let  $\chi_q : (\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})^\times \rightarrow \pm 1$  be the odd quadratic Dirichlet character.

Non-homomorphic Eisenstein series:

$$E_-(\tau, s) = y^{s/2} \sum_{(c,d)} (c\tau + d)^{-1} |c\tau + d|^{-s} \Phi_q^-(c, d).$$

Functional equation:  $E_-(\tau, -s) \sim -E_-(\tau, s)$ .

Hence  $E_-(\tau, 0) = 0$ .

**Definition.** The *incoherent Eisenstein series* of Kudla-Rapoport-Yang is the derivative

$$\Phi_{KRY} := \frac{d}{ds} (E_-(\tau, s))_{s=0}.$$

It is a non-holomorphic modular form of weight one.

# The theorem of Kudla-Rapoport Yang

## Theorem (Kudla, Rapoport, Yang)

*The quantity  $c(D) := \log J_\infty(-q, -D)$  is essentially the  $D$ th Fourier coefficient of  $\Phi_{KRY}(4\tau) \times \theta(\tau)$ , where  $\theta(q)$  is the standard unary theta series of weight  $1/2$ .*

This theorem has been extended to the setting where weight one theta-series are replaced by a weight one cusp form  $g$ , by Bill Duke+Yingkun Li, Stephan Ehlen, Maryna Viazovska, and Pierre Charollois+Yingkun Li.

The role of the incoherent Eisenstein series of weight one of KRY is played by a *mock modular form of weight one having  $g$  as its shadow*.

## Twisted norms of real quadratic singular moduli

Now let  $\psi : G_q \longrightarrow L^\times$  be any class character,  $q = 1 + 4m$ .

The set  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_p^{\text{disc}=q}$  is endowed with a simple transitive  $G_q$ -action, and can thus be identified with  $G_q$ .

For all *positive*  $D$ , let

$$J_p(\psi, D) := \prod_{\substack{\text{disc}(\tau_1)=q \\ \text{disc}(\tau_2)=D}} J_p(\tau_1, \tau_2)^{\psi^{-1}(\tau_1)} \stackrel{?}{\in} (H_q^\times \otimes L)^\psi.$$

**Conjecture (Jan Vonk, D)**

*The quantity  $c_\psi(D) := \log_p J_p(\psi, D)$  is the  $D$ th fourier coefficient of a “ $p$ -adic mock modular form” of weight  $3/2$ .*

## A $p$ -adic Kudla-Rapoport-Yang theorem

Theorem (Alan Lauder, Victor Rotger, D)

*There exists a “ $p$ -adic mock modular form”  $\Phi_\psi$  of weight one whose fourier coefficients are the  $p$ -adic logarithms of elements of  $(H_q^\times \otimes L)^\psi$ . It exhibits many of the same properties as  $\Phi_{\text{KRY}}$  and of the forms arising in Duke-Li, Ehlen, Viazovska, Charollois-Li...*

The modular form  $\Phi_\psi$  is simply the derivative, with respect to the weight, of a Hida family of modular forms specialising to  $\theta_{\psi_o}$  in weight one, where  $\psi_o/\psi'_o = \psi$ .

The proof of the theorem is very different, and *substantially simpler* from the approaches of Kudla-Rapoport-Yang, Duke-Li, Ehlen, Viazovska, Charollois-Li used in the Archimedean setting. It rests crucially on the deformation theory of modular forms and of  $p$ -adic Galois representations.

## A more tractable conjecture?

### Conjecture (Jan Vonk, D)

*The quantity  $c_\psi(D) := \log_p J_p(\psi, D)$  is essentially the  $D$ th fourier coefficient of  $\Phi_\psi(q^4) \times \theta(q)$ , where  $\theta(q)$  is the standard unary theta series of weight  $1/2$ .*

This conjecture suggests a possible road map for proving the algebraicity of “real quadratic singular moduli” ...

## Conclusion

The RM values of rigid meromorphic multiplicative cocycles lead to *conjectural analogues* of singular moduli, with applications to

- explicit class field theory for real quadratic fields;
- Gross-Zagier style factorisation formulae;
- suggesting test cases for an eventual “ $p$ -adic Kudla program”.

The experiments reveal a promising connection between the  $p$ -adic Kudla program and Hilbert’s twelfth problem for real quadratic fields.

We are still *very far* from understanding this “real multiplication theory” as well as its classical counterpart!

Thank you for your attention!