# Special automorphic forms on exceptional groups

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## Overview

• This talk is about: Analogue of Siegel modular forms to certain exceptional algebraic groups

#### Siegel modular forms

- Special automorphic forms for the group Sp<sub>2n</sub>
- They have a "robust" Fourier expansion
- Are connected to arithmetic

## Modular forms on exceptional groups

- Theory initiated by Gross-Wallach, studied by Gan-Gross-Savin, Loke, Weissman, and the speaker
- Special automorphic forms for the groups  $G_2$ ,  $D_4$ ,  $F_4$ ,  $E_{6,4}$ ,  $E_{7,4}$ ,  $E_{8,4}$
- Theorem 1: They have a "robust" Fourier expansion
- **Theorem 2**: Examples of said modular forms that are "arithmetic" in the sense that they have  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ -valued Fourier expansions

## Siegel modular forms

#### The symplectic group

• 
$$\operatorname{Sp}_{2n} = \{g \in \operatorname{GL}(2n) : {}^{t}g\left( {}_{-1_{n}} {}^{1_{n}} \right)g = \left( {}_{-1_{n}} {}^{1_{n}} \right)\}$$

• 
$$Sp_{2n} \supseteq U(n) \simeq \left\{ \left( \begin{smallmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{smallmatrix} \right) : a + ib \in U(n) \right\}$$

#### The symmetric space

- $S_n := n \times n$  symmetric matrices
- $\mathcal{H}_n = \{Z = X + iY : X, Y \in S_n(\mathbf{R}), Y > 0\}$  the Siegel upper half-space
- $\mathcal{H}_n \simeq \operatorname{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbf{R})/U(n)$  the symmetric space

 $\operatorname{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbf{R})$  acts on  $\operatorname{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbf{R})/U(n)=\mathcal{H}_n$  via

$$g \cdot Z = (aZ + b)(cZ + d)^{-1}$$

if  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  in  $n \times n$  block form.

# Siegel modular forms: continued

Siegel modular form of weight  $\ell > 0$ :

#### Definition and basic properties

- $f: \mathcal{H}_n \to \mathbf{C}$  holomorphic such that
- f((aZ + b)(cZ + d)<sup>-1</sup>) = det(cZ + d)<sup>ℓ</sup>f(Z) for all (<sup>a</sup><sub>c</sub> <sup>b</sup><sub>d</sub>) ∈ Γ some congruence subgroup of Sp<sub>2n</sub>(Z)
- Fourier expansion:

$$f(Z) = \sum_{T \in S_n(\mathbf{Q}), T \ge 0} a_f(T) e^{2\pi i \operatorname{tr}(TZ)}$$

with  $a_f(T) \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $T \ge 0$  means "*T* is positive semi-definite".

• If n = 1, these are classical modular forms for SL<sub>2</sub>

If f a Siegel modular form, can consider  $f \in H^0(\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{L}^\ell)$ 

 $\bullet$  a global section of a holomorphic line bundle  $\mathcal{L}^\ell$  on  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_n$ 

$$arphi: \operatorname{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbf{Q})ackslash\operatorname{Sp}_{2n}(\mathbf{A}) 
ightarrow \mathbf{C}$$
 with

## The definition

$$\ \ \, { \ \, } \ \ \, \varphi(gk)=z(k)^{-\ell}\varphi(g) \ \ \, { for all } \ k\in U(n), \ z: \ U(n) \stackrel{\rm det}{\rightarrow} U(1)\subseteq { \bf C}^{\times}$$

**2**  $\mathcal{D}_{CR,\ell}\varphi \equiv 0$ :  $\varphi$  annihilated by linear differential operator  $\mathcal{D}_{CR,\ell}$  so that  $f_{\varphi}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_n$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations

### The Fourier expansion

$$\varphi_f\left(\begin{pmatrix}1 & X\\ & 1\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}Y^{1/2} \\ & Y^{-1/2}\end{pmatrix}\right) = \varphi_f(n(X)m)$$
$$= \sum_{T \in S_n(\mathbf{Q}), T \ge 0} a_{\varphi}(T) e^{2\pi i \operatorname{tr}(TX)} e^{-2\pi \operatorname{tr}(TY)}$$

where  $iY = m \cdot i$  in  $\mathcal{H}_n$  and  $a_{\varphi}(T) \in \mathbf{C}$ .

## Automorphically

•  $\pi = \bigotimes_{\nu} \pi_{\nu}$  with  $\pi_{\infty}$  a holomorphic discrete series representation

# Classical modular forms

Suppose G a reductive **Q**-group;

- $K \subseteq G(\mathbf{R})$  a maximal compact subgroup.
- If  $G(\mathbf{R})/K$  is a Hermitian tube domain

• e.g. 
$$G = GSp_{2n}, GU(n, n), SO(2, n), GE_{7,3}$$

• Then there is a notion of "modular forms" on G

Modular forms

Automorphic forms for  $G(\mathbf{A})$  that give rise to sections of holomorphic line bundles on  $G(\mathbf{R})/K$ 

- These automorphic forms have a robust notion of Fourier expansion
- Are closely connected to arithmetic: E.g., there is a basis of the space of modular forms, all of whose Fourier coefficients are in  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$

# Usefulness of Holomorphic modular forms

- Classical generating functions: Theta functions whose Fourier coefficients are representation numbers of quadratic forms
- Construction of cusp forms: The Ikeda lift and its generalizations
- L-values: Particularly useful for applications to Deligne's conjecture on special values of *L*-functions
- P-adic L-functions: p-adic interpolation of L-values and applications
- Geometric generating functions (Kudla program): Generating functions whose coefficients are certain cohomology classes

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Most G do not have  $G(\mathbf{R})/K$  Hermitian

- **Classical groups**: Fixing the Dynkin type, can change the real form so that *G*/*K* Hermitian: E.g., GU(*n*, *n*) (type *A*), SO(2, *n*) (type *B* and *D*), Sp<sub>2n</sub> (type *C*)
- **Exceptional groups**: For *G* of Dynkin type *G*<sub>2</sub>, *F*<sub>4</sub>, *E*<sub>8</sub>, no real form has *G*/*K* Hermitian

#### Question

Given an exceptional Dynkin type, can one single out a class of special automorphic forms, similar to the holomorphic modular forms on tube domains?

#### Answer

Gross-Wallach: Look at G with

- $G(\mathbf{R})$  possessing discrete series (rank K equals rank G)
- 2)  $\pi = \pi_f \otimes \pi_\infty$  with  $\pi_\infty$  a discrete series
- Moreover, take  $\pi_{\infty}$  with smallest possible GK-dimension among the discrete series and simplest minimal K-type

# The groups

### The reductive groups

- Exceptional: G split of type  $G_2$  or  $F_4$ , or  $E_{6,4}$ ,  $E_{7,4}$ ,  $E_{8,4}$  with real rank four
- Classical: G isogenous to SO(4, n) with  $n \ge 3$

## The maximal compact subgroups:

- Suppose G is adjoint, of the above type;
- $K \subseteq G(\mathbf{R})$  the maximal compact subgroup
- $K = (SU(2) \times L)/\mu_2$  for some L
- e.g.  $G = G_2$ ,  $K = (SU(2) \times SU(2))/\mu_2$ ; the first SU(2) is the "long-root" SU(2)
- So, always a normal SU(2)
- Compare If H reductive group over R with Hermitian symmetric space, than K<sub>H</sub> (maximal compact of H(R)) has a normal U(1)

## The modular forms

## Gross-Wallach: The groups G have quaternionic discrete series

 There is a discrete series π<sub>ℓ</sub> of the groups G above, with minimal K = (SU(2) × L)/μ<sub>2</sub>-type Sym<sup>2ℓ</sup>(V<sub>2</sub>) ⊠ 1 =: V<sub>ℓ</sub>

## Modular forms of weight $\ell$

### Definition 1 (Gan-Gross-Savin)

Suppose  $\ell \geq 1$  an integer and  $\varphi : \pi_{\ell} \to \mathcal{A}(G)$  a  $G(\mathbf{R})$ -equivariant morphism. Then  $\varphi$  is a modular form of weight  $\ell$ .

## Equivalent definition

### Definition 2

Suppose  $\ell \ge 1$  is an integer and  $F : G(\mathbf{Q}) \setminus G(\mathbf{A}) \to V_{\ell}^{\vee}$  an automorphic form satisfying  $F(gk) = k^{-1} \cdot F(g)$  for all  $g \in G(\mathbf{A})$ and  $k \in K \subseteq G(\mathbf{R})$ . Then F is a modular form of weight  $\ell$  if  $D_{\ell}F = 0$  for a certain linear differential operator  $D_{\ell}$ .

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Suppose  $F : G(\mathbf{R}) \to V_{\ell}^{\vee}$  satisfies  $F(gk) = k^{-1} \cdot F(g)$  for all  $g \in G(\mathbf{R})$  and  $k \in K$ .

- Cartan involution:  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$ .
- Let  $\{X_i\}_i$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\{X_i^*\}_i$  the dual basis of  $\mathfrak{p}^*$ .

#### A formal operator

Define  $\widetilde{D}F: G(\mathbf{R}) \to V_{\ell}^{\vee} \otimes \mathfrak{p}^*$  via

$$\widetilde{D}F(g) = \sum_i (X_iF)(g) \otimes X_i^*.$$

•  $\mathfrak{p} = V_2 \boxtimes W$  as representation of  $\mathsf{SU}(2) \times L$ 

• 
$$V_\ell^{ee}\otimes \mathfrak{p}=Sym^{2\ell-1}(V_2)\boxtimes W\oplus Sym^{2\ell+1}(V_2)\boxtimes W$$

#### The operator $D_\ell$

Define  $pr: V_{\ell}^{\vee} \otimes \mathfrak{p}^* \twoheadrightarrow Sym^{2\ell-1}(V_2) \boxtimes W$  and

$$D_{\ell} := pr \circ \widetilde{D}.$$

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# The Heisenberg parabolic

Let G be a group of the quaternionic type,  $P = HN \subseteq G$  the Heisenberg parabolic. The unipotent radical N is two-step:  $Z \subseteq N$ is one-dimensional and N/Z = W is abelian

## Examples

• 
$$G = SO(4, n)$$
,  $P = (GL_2 \times SO(2, n-2))N$  with  $N/Z = V_2 \otimes V_n$ ,  $V_n$  quadratic space of signature  $(2, n-2)$ 

• 
$$G = G_2$$
,  $P = \operatorname{GL}_2 N$  with  $N/Z = Sym^3(V_2) \otimes \det(V_2)^{-1}$ 

• 
$$G = F_4$$
,  $P = GSp_6 N$  with  $N/Z$  the third fundamental representation of  $GSp_6$ 

- $G = E_{6,4}$ , P = HN with  $H \approx GU(3,3)$  and N/Z the 20-dimensional (twisted) exterior cube representation
- $G = E_{7,4}$ , P = HN with H of type  $D_6$  and N/Z the 32-dimensional half-spin representation
- $G = E_{8,4}$ ,  $P = GE_{7,3}N$  with N/Z the 56-dimensional representation of  $GE_7$

# The Fourier expansion of modular forms

- Suppose F is a modular form of even weight  $\ell$  on G.
- Consider  $F_Z(g) = \int_{[Z]} F(zg) dz$ , the constant term of F along Z.

Denote by  $n: W(\mathbf{R}) \simeq N/Z$ ,  $\langle \, , \, \rangle$  the H-invariant symplectic form on W

#### Theorem 3

Suppose  $\ell \ge 1$  is fixed. For  $\omega \in W(\mathbf{Q})$  satisfying " $\omega \ge 0$ ", there are explicit functions  $\mathcal{W}_{\omega} : H(\mathbf{R}) \to V_{\ell}^{\vee}$  with the following property: If F is a modular form on G of weight  $\ell$ , with there are Fourier coefficients  $a_F(\omega) \in \mathbf{C}$  so that for  $x \in W(\mathbf{R})$  and  $h \in H(\mathbf{R})$ 

$$F_{Z}(n(x)h) = F_{N}(h) + \sum_{\omega \ge 0} a_{F}(\omega)e^{2\pi i \langle \omega, x \rangle} \mathcal{W}_{\omega}(h)$$

where  $F_N$  is the constant term of F along N.

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# The Fourier expansion of modular forms

#### Theorem 3 continued

Moreover,

$$\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{N}}(h) = \Phi_{\mathsf{F}}(h) \mathsf{v}_{\ell} + eta_{\mathsf{F}} rac{\zeta(\ell+1)}{\zeta(\ell)} \mathsf{v}_0 + \overline{\Phi_{\mathsf{F}}(h)} \mathsf{v}_{-\ell}$$

for some holomorphic modular form  $\Phi_F$  of weight  $\ell$  on  $H(\mathbf{R})$  and  $\beta_F \in \mathbf{C}$ . Here  $\{v_{\ell}, v_{\ell-1}, \ldots, v_0, \ldots, v_{-\ell}\}$  is a certain basis of  $V_{\ell}^{\vee}$ .

### Surprising corollary:

#### Corollary 4

Suppose  $\ell \ge 1$  and F a modular form of weight  $\ell$  for G. If F is bounded as a function on  $G(\mathbf{A})$  then F is cuspidal.

## Fourier coefficients

Suppose F is a modular form on G of even weight  $\ell$ .

### Definition 5

The Fourier coefficients of F are the numbers  $a_F(\omega)$ ,  $\beta_F$ , and the Fourier coefficients of  $\Phi_F$ 

#### Definition 6

Suppose  $R \subseteq \mathbf{C}$  is a ring. One says F has Fourier coefficients in R if all the Fourier coefficients are of F are in  $R \subseteq \mathbf{C}$ .

- Warning: Unlike the case of holomorphic modular forms on GL<sub>2</sub>, the algebraicity of the Hecke eigenvalues does not imply the algebraicity of the Fourier coefficients.
- There is no *a priori* reason to expect any modular form to have Fourier coefficients in a small ring (e.g., **Z**, **Q**, **Q**)
- Definitions above crucially use Theorem on Fourier expansion as input

# Proof of Theorem 3

Fix  $\chi : \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{R}) \to \mathbf{C}^{\times}$  a unitary character.

#### Proof of Theorem 3

The proof of Theorem 3 proceeds by making a complete and explicit analysis of all moderate growth functions  $\mathcal{W}_{\chi} : G(\mathbf{R}) \to V_{\ell}^{\vee}$  satisfying **1**  $\mathcal{W}_{\chi}(gk) = k^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{W}_{\chi}(g)$  for all  $k \in K$  and  $g \in G(\mathbf{R})$  **2**  $\mathcal{W}_{\chi}(ng) = \chi(n)\mathcal{W}_{\chi}(g)$  for all  $n \in N(\mathbf{R})$  and  $g \in G(\mathbf{R})$ **3**  $D_{\ell}\mathcal{W}_{\chi}(g) \equiv 0$ .

The analysis implies

#### Multiplicity one

dim  $Hom_{N(\mathbf{R})}(\pi_{\ell}, \chi) \leq 1$  if  $\chi$  nontrivial, and is 0 unless  $\chi \geq 0$ .

For generic  $\chi,$  this multiplicity one result was previous proved by Wallach (via a different method)

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## **3** The Fourier expansion



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# Modular forms with algebraic Fourier coefficients

#### Theorem 7

There are examples of modular forms with Fourier coefficients in small rings:

- On E<sub>8,4</sub>, the minimal and next-to-minimal modular forms (weight 4 and weight 8) have Fourier coefficients in Q. These modular forms have many Fourier coefficients equal to 0. Uses key input from work of W.T. Gan and G. Savin.
- On E<sub>6,4</sub>, there is a weight 4 modular form with all Fourier coefficients in Z. This example is "distinguished" but not "singular", and is closely connected to "arithmetic invariant theory".
- On Spin(8) and G<sub>2</sub>, there are nonzero cusp forms of arbitrarily large weight with all Fourier coefficients in Q. Examples constructed using the theta correspondence SO(4,4) ↔ Sp<sub>4</sub>.
  - The Theorem says that some modular forms on exceptional groups possess "surprising" arithmeticity.

## Construction of cusp forms

There is  $\theta$ -lift:

- $Sp_4 \leftrightarrow SO(4,4)$
- Start with holomorphic Siegel modular cusp forms f on Sp(4) of weight l, get θ(f) on SO(4,4)
- Rallis:  $\theta(f)$  on SO(4, 4) is a cusp form.

#### Theorem 8

With appropriate Schwartz-Bruhat data for Weil representation,  $\theta(f)$  is a nonzero weight  $\ell$  modular form. Moreover, the Fourier coefficients of  $\theta(f)$  are neatly described in terms of the Fourier coefficients of the f. In particular, the Fourier coefficients of  $\theta(f)$ can be made to be nonzero algebraic integers.

• Analogue of special  $\theta$ -lift  $\widetilde{SL_2} \leftrightarrow SO(2, n)$ : Doi-Naganuma, Niwa, Shintani, Kudla, Oda, Rallis-Schiffmann

# Fourier coefficients of $\theta(f)$

W = V<sub>2</sub> ⊗ V<sub>4</sub> = e ⊗ V<sub>4</sub> ⊕ f ⊗ V<sub>4</sub>, V<sub>4</sub> quadratic space of signature (2,2), e, f basis of V<sub>2</sub>

• If 
$$\omega = e \otimes v_e + f \otimes v_f$$
, set

$$S(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (v_e, v_e) & (v_e, v_f) \\ (v_e, v_f) & (v_f, v_f) \end{pmatrix}.$$

#### Fourier coefficient formula

If  $\omega$  is primitive, then  $a_{\theta(f)}(\omega) = a_f(S(\omega))$ .

- If ω is not primitive, then there is a slightly more complicated formula for a<sub>θ(f)</sub>(ω)
- Formula implies that a<sub>θ(f)</sub>(ω) are nonzero algebraic integers if the a<sub>f</sub>'s are

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#### Corollary 9

Suppose  $\ell \ge 16$  is even. Then there are nonzero cuspidal modular forms of weight  $\ell$  on  $G_2$  with all Fourier coefficients in  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ .

#### Proof of Corollary.

- Embed  $\iota : G_2 \hookrightarrow SO(4, 4)$
- 2 Set  $F = \iota(\theta(f))$
- **③** One can show that F is still cuspidal modular form of weight  $\ell$
- Using crucially the positive semi-definiteness condition for the nonvanishing of Fourier coefficients of modular forms, can check that the Fourier coefficients of *F* are finite sums of Fourier coefficients of θ(f), thus still algebraic integers

**Remark**: Rallis-Schiffmann, Li-Schwermer constructed different cohomological cusp forms on  $G_2$  via  $G_2 \subseteq SO(3,4) \leftrightarrow \widetilde{SL_2}$ .

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# Necessary digression

## Recall:

- *H*: The Levi subgroup of the Heisenberg parabolic subgroup of *G*
- *W*: The abelianized unipotent radical of the Heisenberg parabolic subgroup of *G*

## Rank of Fourier coefficients

- The action of H(C) on W(C) = N/Z(C) has four nonzero orbits
- If  $\omega \neq {\rm 0},\,\omega \in W,$  one say  $\omega$  has rank 1,2,3 or 4 depending on the orbit
- The open orbit of H on W consists of those  $\omega$  of rank four
- The elements of rank one in *W* form the most degenerate nonzero orbit

**Fact** If *F* a modular form on *G* then *F* is a cusp form if and only if  $F_N = 0$  and  $a_F(\omega) = 0$  for all  $\omega$  of rank 1, 2 and 3.

# Heisenberg Eisenstein series

Suppose  $G = E_{8,4}$ , P Heisenberg parabolic.

 $\nu: P \to \mathsf{GL}_1$ 

generating the character group of P. On  $G = E_{8,4}$ ,

$$|\nu(p)|^{29} = \delta_P(p)$$

for  $p \in P$ . Suppose

- $\ell \geq 1$  even
- $f(g, \ell; s) \in Ind_{P(\mathbf{A})}^{G(\mathbf{A})}(|\nu|^{s})$ , certain  $Sym^{2\ell}(V_{2})$ -valued section.
- $E(g, \ell; s) = \sum_{\gamma \in P(\mathbf{Q}) \setminus G(\mathbf{Q})} f(\gamma g, \ell; s)$  absolutely convergent for Re(s) > 29.
- If s = ℓ + 1 in range of absolute convergence, E(g, s = ℓ + 1)
   a modular form of weight ℓ for G

#### Question

Does  $E(g, s = \ell + 1)$  have rational Fourier coefficients?

# Next to minimal

Motivated by work of Gross-Wallach on continuation of quaternionic discrete series, take  $\ell = 8$  and  $G = E_{8,4}$ .

### Proposition

The Eisenstein series  $E(g, \ell = 8; s)$  is regular at s = 9 (even though outside the range of absolute convergence), and defines square integrable weight 8 modular form at this point.

Set

$$\theta_{ntm}(g) = E(g, \ell = 8; s = 9)$$

### Theorem 10 (Savin)

The spherical constituent of the degenerate principal series  $Ind_{P(\mathbf{Q}_{p})}^{G(\mathbf{Q}_{p})}(|\nu|^{9})$  is "small", i.e., many twisted Jacquet modules are 0. Consequently, the rank three and rank four Fourier coefficients of  $\theta_{ntm}$  are 0.

## More on next-to-minimal modular form

## On split $E_8$

- Analogous "next-to-minimal" automorphic form is spherical
- Studied by Michael B. Green-Stephen D. Miller-Pierre Vanhove
- Also by Dmitry Gourevitch-Henrik P. A. Gustafsson-Axel Kleinschmidt-Daniel Persson-Siddhartha Sahi

### Theorem 11

The weight 8 modular form  $\theta_{ntm}$  has rational Fourier coefficients.

## Proof.

- Savin's result gives vanishing of rank three and four Fourier coefficients
- Explicit computation (outside range of abs. convergence) gives rationality of rank 1 and rank 2 Fourier coefficients
- Solution Constant term analyzed using work of H. Kim on weight 8 singular modular form on  $GE_{7,3}$

# Explicit computation of $\theta_{ntm}$

- Define special  $Sym^{2\ell}(V_2)$ -valued Eisenstein series  $E_{\ell}(g)$  on SO(3, 4k + 3)
- Prove that the constant term θ<sub>ntm</sub> from E<sub>8,4</sub> down to SO(3,11) is E<sub>8</sub>(g)
- Theorem: the E<sub>l</sub>(g) have rational Fourier coefficients (in a precise sense)
- The Fourier coefficients of  $E_8(g)$  can be identified with rank 1 and rank 2 Fourier coefficients of  $\theta_{ntm}$ .

To prove the  $E_{\ell}(g)$  have rational Fourier coefficients:

#### Jacquet integral

Explicit computation of certain Archimedean Jacquet integral

$$\int_{V_{2,4k+2}(\mathbf{R})} e^{2\pi i(v,x)} f_{\ell}(wn(x)) \, dx.$$

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# The minimal modular form on $E_{8,4}$

• Defined by Gan as special value

$$\theta_{min}(g) = E(g, \ell = 4; s = 5)$$

(outside the range of absolute convergence). Gan proves that it is square integrable automorphic form

• Analogue on split  $E_8$  studied by Ginzburg-Rallis-Soudry

#### Theorem 12

 $\theta_{min}$  is a modular form of weight 4 with Fourier coefficients in Z.

- Local results (Savin) imply rank 2,3,4 Fourier coefficients are 0
- Sazhdan-Polischuk: up to constant multiple, the rank 1 FCs are divisor sums σ<sub>4</sub>(n)
- Solution Theorem: when θ<sub>min</sub> is normalized to have integer rank one Fourier coefficients, the constant term also has integer coefficients.

# A distinguished modular form

Globally, there is an arithmetic invariant on the orbits of  $H(\mathbf{Q})$  on  $W(\mathbf{Q})$ :

 $q: W(\mathbf{Q})^{rk=4} \to \mathbf{Q}^{\times}/(\mathbf{Q}^{\times})^2 = \{ \text{ quadratic etale extensions of } \mathbf{Q} \}.$ 

**Fact**: If *F* a modular form on *G*,  $\omega \in W(\mathbf{Q})$  and  $q(\omega) > 0$  then  $a_F(\omega) = 0$ . In other words, only  $\omega$  corresponding to imaginary quadratic fields can have associated nonzero Fourier coefficients Fix an imaginary quadratic extension  $E/\mathbf{Q}$ . Associated to *E*, there is a group  $G_E$  over  $\mathbf{Q}$  of type  $E_{6,4}$ .

#### Theorem 13

There is a weight 4 modular form  $\theta_E$  on  $G_E$  with Fourier coefficients in **Z** such that  $\theta_E$  has nonzero Fourier coefficients of all ranks and

If ω ∈ W(Q)<sup>rk=4</sup> and q(ω) ∈ Q<sup>×</sup>/(Q<sup>×</sup>)<sup>2</sup> does not represent E, then the Fourier coefficient a<sub>θE</sub>(ω) = 0

#### Proof of Theorem 13:

- **1** Define  $G_E$ , which is simply-connected of type  $E_{6,4}$
- 2 Carefully embed  $G_E$  in  $E_{8,4}$  via  $\iota_E: G_E \to E_{8,4}$
- Solution Define  $\theta_E = \iota_E^*(\theta_{min})$ , the pull-back of the modular form generating the minimal representation on  $E_{8,4}$
- The Fourier coefficients of  $\theta_E$  can then be computed from those of  $\theta_{min}$
- θ<sub>min</sub> only has nonzero Fourier coefficients for the most degenerate ω, those ω of rank 1
- This vanishing of  $a_{\theta_{min}}(\omega)$  imposes a strong arithmetic condition on the Fourier coefficients of  $\theta_E$ .

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Thank you for your attention!

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