

# EVALUATING IGUSA FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. The moduli space of principally polarized abelian surfaces is parametrized by three Igusa functions. In this article we investigate a new way to evaluate these functions by using Siegel Eisenstein series. We explain how to compute the Fourier coefficients of certain Siegel modular forms using classical modular forms of half-integral weight. One of the results in this paper is an explicit algorithm to evaluate the Igusa functions to a prescribed precision.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The classical theory of complex multiplication gives an explicit description of the Hilbert class field of an imaginary quadratic field: for a fundamental discriminant  $D < 0$ , the Hilbert class field of  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  is obtained by adjoining the value  $j((D + \sqrt{D})/2)$  to  $K$ . Here,  $j : \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is the classical modular function with Fourier expansion  $j(z) = 1/q + 744 + 196884q + \dots$  in  $q = \exp(2\pi iz)$ . There are various ways to compute the minimal polynomial of  $j((D + \sqrt{D})/2)$ , and one of the most frequently used approaches proceeds by evaluating the  $j$ -function to high precision.

The  $j$ -function is invariant under the action of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$  on the upper half plane  $\mathbf{H}$ . To evaluate  $j(\tau)$ , we may assume that  $\tau$  is in the ‘standard’ fundamental domain for  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \backslash \mathbf{H}$  as described in e.g. [22, Sec. VII.1.1]. The naive approach to evaluate  $j(\tau)$  is to simply compute enough Fourier coefficients using for instance the recursive formulas given in [20]. Alternatively, one can use the relation

$$j(z) = 1728 \frac{g_2(z)^3}{g_2(z)^3 - 27g_3(z)^2} \quad (1.1)$$

expressing the  $j$ -function in terms of the *normalized Eisenstein* series  $g_2, g_3$  of weight 4 and 6. Better results can be obtained [1] by using the Dedekind  $\eta$ -function defined by  $\eta(z) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$ , and which satisfies

$$j(z) = \left( \frac{(\eta(z/2)/\eta(z))^{24} + 16}{(\eta(z/2)/\eta(z))^8} \right)^3.$$

The sparsity of the  $q$ -expansion of the  $\eta$ -function makes it very efficient for explicit computations.

The  $j$ -function is intrinsically linked to the theory of elliptic curves, and the situation outlined above can be viewed as the ‘1-dimensional’ case of complex multiplication theory. In dimension 2, suitably chosen invariants of principally polarized abelian surfaces generate abelian extensions of degree 4 CM-fields, see [23, Sec. 15] for a precise statement. A popular choice of invariants are the three *Igusa functions*  $j_1, j_2, j_3$  defined below. Just as evaluating the elliptic  $j$ -function has applications to elliptic curve cryptography, evaluating Igusa functions is an important step in construction genus 2 curves suitable for use in cryptography, see e.g. [26].

The explicit evaluation of Igusa functions is less developed than its dimension-1 counterpart. Most people use  $\theta$ -functions to evaluate Igusa functions. The (rather unwieldy) formulas expressing Igusa functions in terms of  $\theta$ -functions are given in e.g. [26, pp. 441–442]. There is also a direct analogue of formula (1.1) which expresses the Igusa functions as rational functions in the *Siegel Eisenstein series*  $E_w$ . Indeed, Igusa [12, p. 195] defines the normalized cusp forms

$$\chi_{10} = -\frac{43867}{2^{12} \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 53}(E_4 E_6 - E_{10})$$

and

$$\chi_{12} = \frac{131 \cdot 593}{2^{13} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 337}(3^2 \cdot 7^2 E_4^3 + 2 \cdot 5^3 E_6^2 - 691 E_{12}).$$

With that, we have the three *Igusa functions*

$$j_1 = 2 \cdot 3^5 \frac{\chi_{12}^5}{\chi_{10}^6}, \quad j_2 = 2^{-3} 3^3 \frac{E_4 \chi_{12}^3}{\chi_{10}^4}, \quad j_3 = 2^{-5} \cdot 3 \frac{E_6 \chi_{12}^2}{\chi_{10}^3} + 2^{-3} \cdot 3^2 \frac{E_4 \chi_{12}^3}{\chi_{10}^4} \quad (1.2).$$

Igusa shows the equivalence with the definition of these functions in terms of theta functions in [11, p. 848]. The analogue of the denominator  $\Delta = g_2^3 - 27g_3^2$  appearing in (1.1) is the form  $\chi_{10}$ . The form  $\Delta$  is a classical cusp form of weight 12 and  $\chi_{10}$  is a Siegel cusp form of weight 10.

A mathematically natural question is whether we can use formula (1.2) directly to evaluate the Igusa functions, thereby bypassing the  $\theta$ -functions. The main focus of this paper is to give an explicit algorithm to evaluate the Siegel modular forms occurring in (1.2) to some prescribed accuracy. Our result gives a relatively easy way to analyze the precision necessary for the computation to succeed, and we give a *rigorous* complexity analysis for our method, something which has not been done for other approaches.

Although the asymptotic convergence of our algorithm is slower than the algorithm using theta functions, our approach has the advantage that there are fewer high precision multiplications required in the evaluation, and thus less precision loss and fewer rounding errors occur. Furthermore, we give a detailed analysis of the Eisenstein series and cusp forms, including an algorithm for computing them using classical modular forms of half-integral weight and explicit bounds on the size of

the coefficients in their Fourier expansions. Indeed, one of the main contributions of the paper is the detailed analysis of various aspects of the computation of Siegel modular forms. Finally, our approach may lend itself to improvement in various ways and is a new direction in this area which could produce further progress.

Any Siegel modular form  $f$  admits a Fourier expansion

$$f(\tau) = \sum_T a(T) \exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(T\tau)) \quad (1.3)$$

where  $T$  ranges over certain  $2 \times 2$ -matrices with coefficients in  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Z}$ . We propose to evaluate the functions occurring in (1.2) by truncating the sum in (1.3) to only include matrices with trace below some bound. The Eisenstein series are Siegel modular forms with a considerable amount of extra structure. We show that computing the Fourier coefficients of the Eisenstein series ultimately boils down to computing Fourier coefficients of classical modular forms of half-integral weight. One of the main results of this paper is the following theorem, proved in Section 4.

**Theorem 1.1.** *For  $A, C \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $B \in \mathbf{Z}$  with  $B^2 \leq 4AC$ , the Fourier coefficients of the Siegel Eisenstein series  $E_w$  for all matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  satisfying  $0 \leq a \leq A$ ,  $0 \leq c \leq C$ ,  $|b| \leq B$  can be computed in time  $O((ABC)^{1+\varepsilon})$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The constant in the  $O$ -symbol depends on the weight  $w$ .*

By examining the *size* of the Fourier coefficients more closely, we derive the following result in Section 6.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}_2$  be given, and let  $\delta = \delta(\tau)$  be the supremum of all  $\delta' \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $\operatorname{Im}(\tau) - \delta'1_2$  is positive semi-definite. Assume that  $\delta(\tau) \geq 1$ . Assume  $\chi_{10}(\tau)$  is non-zero and choose  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{>1}$  such that  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)| \geq 10^{-n}$  holds.*

*For a positive integer  $k$ , let  $B \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 3}$  be such that*

$$\sum_{t=B}^{\infty} 18t^{18} \exp(-2\pi t\delta(\tau)) \leq 10^{-k-6n} \quad (1.4)$$

*holds.*

*Then the following holds: if we approximate the modular forms  $E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$  using their truncated Fourier expansions consisting of all the matrices of trace at most  $B - 1$ , then the values  $j_1(\tau), j_2(\tau), j_3(\tau)$  computed via the formulas in (1.2) are accurate to precision  $10^{-k}$ .*

The condition  $\delta(\tau) \geq 1$  is mostly for esthetic reasons. The proof of Theorem 1.2, given in Section 6, readily gives a method to find  $B$  in case  $\delta(\tau) < 1$ . We assume in Theorem 1.2 that we can bound  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)|$  from below. This lower bound will allow us to bound the precision loss that occurs when we divide by  $\chi_{10}(\tau)$ . Using the explicit bounds on the Fourier coefficients of  $\chi_{10}$ , proved in Section 5, we give a

simple method to find a value of  $n$  in Section 6. This method works in general and does not depend on the value of  $\delta(\tau)$ . Hence, Theorem 1.2 gives an effective method to evaluate the three Igusa functions up to some prescribed precision.

Just as the elliptic  $j$ -function is invariant under  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ , the Igusa functions  $j_1, j_2, j_3$  are invariant under the symplectic group  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$ . Hence, we may translate the argument  $\tau$  by a matrix  $M \in \mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$  to obtain an  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalent  $\tau' \in \mathbf{H}_2$ . The value  $\delta(\tau')$  can be significantly different from  $\delta(\tau)$ , see e.g. Example 7.1. Before applying Theorem 1.2, we therefore move, using e.g. the method from [24],  $\tau$  to the ‘standard’ fundamental domain for  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z}) \backslash \mathbf{H}_2$  described in [9].

The outline of the article is as follows. In Section 2 we recall basic facts about Siegel modular forms and their Fourier expansions. Section 3 introduces Jacobi forms and their relation to Eisenstein series. The approach we follow in this section is ‘classical’ and most likely well-known to experts working with Siegel modular forms. In Section 4 we go one step further, and relate Jacobi forms to classical modular forms of half-integral weight. This gives a very efficient method of computing the Fourier coefficients of the 2-dimensional Eisenstein series. The functions  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  are Siegel cusp forms, and we explain in Section 5 how to compute the Fourier coefficients of these forms. We investigate the convergence of the Fourier expansions of  $E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  in Section 6. This leads to the proof of Theorem 1.2. A final Section 7 contains two detailed examples.

## 2. SIEGEL MODULAR FORMS

Let  $\mathbf{H}_2 = \{\tau \in \mathrm{Mat}_2(\mathbf{C}) \mid \tau = \tau^T, \mathrm{Im}(\tau) > 0\}$  be the Siegel upper half plane. With  $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_2 \\ -1_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , the symplectic group  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{R})$  is defined as  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{R}) = \{M \in \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbf{R}) \mid MJM^T = J\}$ . The group  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{R})$  naturally acts on the Siegel upper half plane via

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d},$$

where dividing by  $c\tau + d$  means multiplying on the right with the multiplicative inverse of the  $2 \times 2$ -matrix  $c\tau + d$ . The matrix  $-1_2$  acts trivially, and it is well known that the automorphism group of  $\mathbf{H}_2$  equals  $\mathrm{PSp}_4(\mathbf{R}) = \mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{R}) / \{\pm 1_2\}$ .

A holomorphic function  $f : \mathbf{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is called a *Siegel modular form* of weight  $w \geq 0$  if it satisfies

$$f\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \tau\right) = \det(c\tau + d)^w f(\tau)$$

for all  $\tau$  and all matrices in the subgroup  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z}) \subset \mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{R})$ . The integer  $w$  is called the *weight* of the form  $f$ . Whereas we have to demand that  $f$  is ‘holomorphic at infinity’ for classical modular forms  $\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , this is not necessary for Siegel modular forms. Indeed, the *Koecher principle* implies that  $f$  is bounded on sets of the form  $\{\tau \in \mathbf{H}_2 \mid \mathrm{Im}(\tau) > \alpha 1_2\}$  for  $\alpha > 0$ , see [15].

The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is contained in  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$ , and a Siegel modular function  $f$  is invariant under the transformation  $\tau \mapsto \tau + 1$ . In particular, a Siegel modular

function  $f$  admits a *Fourier expansion*

$$f(\tau) = \sum_T a(T) \exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(T\tau)).$$

Here, the sum ranges over all symmetric matrices  $T \in \operatorname{Mat}(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Z})$  with integer diagonal entries. The coefficients  $a(T)$  are called the *Fourier coefficients* of  $f$ . By the Koecher principle, they are zero in case  $T$  is not positive definite.

We embed the group  $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$  in  $\operatorname{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$  via  $M \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & (M^T)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ . As  $M^T$  has determinant  $\pm 1$ , we see that a Siegel modular function  $f$  is invariant under the transformation  $\tau \mapsto M\tau M^T$  for  $M \in \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ . This invariance is the key ingredient in the proof of the following well known lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The Fourier coefficients  $a(T)$  of a Siegel modular form  $f$  satisfy  $a(M^T T M) = a(T)$  for every  $M \in \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ .*

**Proof.** Writing  $\tau = x + iy$  with  $x, y \in \operatorname{Mat}_2(\mathbf{R})$ , the Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  is given by

$$a(T) = \int f(\tau) e^{-2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(T\tau)} dx.$$

Here,  $dx$  means the Euclidean volume of the space of  $x$ -coordinates and the integral ranges over the ‘box’  $-1/2 \leq x_{ij} \leq 1/2$ . Using the invariance of  $f$  we compute

$$a(M^T T M) = \int f(M\tau M^T) e^{-2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(T M\tau M^T)} dx,$$

and the lemma follows. □

In the remainder of this section we investigate how many different values  $a(T)$  attains for a fixed value of  $n = \det(T) > 0$  and a fixed Siegel modular form  $f$ .

To a matrix  $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$  we associate the binary quadratic form  $f_T = aX^2 + bXY + cY^2$  of discriminant  $b^2 - 4ac = -4n$ . An explicit check shows that for  $M = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  the quadratic forms associated to  $M^T T M$  equals

$$f_{M^T T M} = f_T(\alpha X + \beta Y, \gamma X + \delta Y),$$

which means that the  $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -action on  $\mathbf{H}_2$  is compatible with the  $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -action on quadratic forms of discriminant  $-4n$ . In fact, the  $\operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -action on quadratic forms originally considered by Lagrange is not used that much as it leads to a ‘wrong’ kind of equivalence. For quadratic forms, the ‘correct’ action is the action of the subgroup  $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z}) \subset \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$  studied by Gauß. The difference between these two actions is implicit in the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Fix a Siegel modular form  $f$  and  $n \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ . Suppose that  $-4n$  is a fundamental discriminant and let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the maximal order of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-n})$ . Then the set  $\{a(T) \mid \det(T) = n\}$  has size at most  $\frac{1}{2}(\#\text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}) + \#\{\mathfrak{a} \in \text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}) \mid 2\mathfrak{a} = 0\})$ .*

**Proof.** If  $-4n$  is fundamental, then any integer binary quadratic form  $aX^2 + bXY + cY^2$  of discriminant  $-4n$  is *primitive*. The set of  $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalence classes of primitive quadratic forms of discriminant  $-4n$  is in bijection with the class group  $\text{Pic}(\mathcal{O})$  via  $aX^2 + bXY + cY^2 \mapsto a\mathbf{Z} + \frac{-b + \sqrt{-4n}}{2}\mathbf{Z}$  by [3, Th. 5.2.8].

It remains to investigate when a  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalence class decomposes as 2 disjoint  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalence classes. If a fractional  $\mathcal{O}$ -ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalent but not  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalent to  $\mathfrak{b}$ , then  $\mathfrak{b}$  equals the inverse  $\mathfrak{a}^{-1}$  and we have  $2\mathfrak{a} \neq 0$ . The lemma follows.  $\square$

For the general case of not necessarily fundamental discriminants, we note that any binary quadratic form  $aX^2 + bXY + cY^2$  of discriminant  $-4n$  determines a *primitive* quadratic form  $(aX^2 + bXY + cY^2)/\gcd(a, b, c)$  of discriminant  $-4n/\gcd(a, b, c)^2$ . Arguing as in the proof of Lemma 2.2, we see that the set  $\{a(T) \mid \det(T) = n \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{Z}_{>0}\}$  has at most

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathcal{O}} \#\text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}) + \#\{\mathfrak{a} \in \text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}) \mid 2\mathfrak{a} = 0\}$$

elements. Here, the sum ranges over all imaginary quadratic orders  $\mathcal{O}$  that contain the order of discriminant  $-4n$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $m$  be the index of the order of discriminant  $-4n$  in the maximal order of the quadratic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-n})$  and let  $\varphi$  denote the Euler  $\varphi$ -function. For a fixed Siegel modular form  $f$ , the set  $\{a(T) \mid \det(T) = n \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$  then has at most  $2\sqrt{n} \log(4n)(m/\varphi(m))^2$  elements.*

**Proof.** The class number for the imaginary order of discriminant  $D$  is bounded by  $|D|^{1/2} \log |D|$  by [19, Sec. 2]. The result now follows from the class number formula, see e.g. [18, Sec. 1.6].  $\square$

### 3. EISENSTEIN SERIES

For  $w \geq 0$ , the space  $M_w$  of Siegel modular forms of weight  $w$  has a natural structure of a  $\mathbf{C}$ -vector space. For even  $w \geq 4$ , the primordial example of a degree  $w$  Siegel modular form is the Eisenstein series  $E_w$  defined by

$$E_w(\tau) = \sum_{c,d} (c\tau + d)^{-w}. \quad (3.1)$$

Here, the sum ranges over all inequivalent bottom rows  $(c \ d)$  of elements of  $\text{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$  with respect to left-multiplication by  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbf{Z})$ . The restriction  $w \geq 4$  comes from the fact that the expression in (3.1) does not converge for  $w = 2$ .

The direct product  $M = \prod_{w=0}^{\infty} M_w$  has a natural structure of a graded  $\mathbf{C}$ -algebra. By restricting the product to *even*  $w$ , we get a graded subalgebra  $M^e$ . The following lemma gives the structure of these two algebras.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The Eisenstein series  $E_4$ ,  $E_6$ ,  $E_{10}$  and  $E_{12}$  are algebraically independent and generate  $M^e$ . There exists a polynomial  $P$  in 4 variables such that  $M$  is isomorphic to  $M^e[X]/(X^2 - P(E_4, E_6, E_{10}, E_{12}))$ . The element  $\bar{X}$  corresponds to a Siegel modular form of weight 35.*

**Proof.** The first statement can be found in [12, pp. 194–195]. The second statement is proven in [11] with an explicit polynomial  $P$  at page 849.  $\square$

The remainder of this section is devoted to deriving a ‘formula’ for the Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  of the Eisenstein series  $E_w$ . The approach we follow is intrinsically related to the theory of *Jacobi forms*, see [8] for a good introduction. Let  $f : \mathbf{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be a Siegel modular form of weight  $w$ . We write  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}_2$  as  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Because  $f$  is periodic with respect to  $\tau_2$ , it admits a Fourier expansion

$$f(\tau) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \varphi_m(\tau_1, \varepsilon) e^{2\pi i m \tau_2}$$

where  $\varphi_m$  is a function from  $\mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{C}$  to  $\mathbf{C}$ . The functions  $\varphi_m$  have the following properties:

- ◇  $\varphi_m\left(\frac{a\tau_1+b}{c\tau_1+d}, \frac{\varepsilon}{c\tau_1+d}\right) = (c\tau_1+d)^w e^{2\pi i m c \varepsilon / (c\tau_1+d)} \varphi_m(\tau_1, \varepsilon), \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$
- ◇  $\varphi_m(\tau, \varepsilon + \lambda\tau + \mu) = e^{-2\pi i m (\lambda^2 \tau_1 + 2\lambda\varepsilon)} \varphi_m(\tau_1, \varepsilon), \quad (\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbf{Z}^2$
- ◇  $\varphi_m$  admits a Fourier expansion of the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{r \in \mathbf{Z} \\ r^2 \leq 4nm}} c(n, r) e^{2\pi i (n\tau_1 + r\varepsilon)}$ .

The first two properties follow from the transformation law of Siegel modular forms under the symplectic matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c & 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \mu \\ \lambda & 1 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\lambda \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the third property follows from the Koecher principle.

A holomorphic function  $g : \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  satisfying the three properties above for some  $w$  and  $m$  is called a *Jacobi form* of weight  $w$  and index  $m$ . Jacobi forms can be seen as an ‘intermediate’ between Siegel modular forms and classical modular forms. Indeed, the ‘Fourier coefficients’ of a Siegel modular form of weight  $w$  are Jacobi forms of weight  $w$  and for a Jacobi form  $g$ , the function  $g(\tau, 0)$  is a classical modular form of weight  $w$ .

The space of all Jacobi forms of weight  $w$  and index  $m$  is denoted by  $J_{w,m}$ , and we have maps

$$M_w \hookrightarrow \prod_{m \geq 0} J_{w,m} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{pr}} J_{w,1},$$

where  $\text{pr}$  denotes the projection onto the first factor. For this article, the key property of Jacobi forms is that we can also construct a map  $J_{w,1} \rightarrow M_w$  which will allow us to identify certain Siegel modular forms with its ‘first’ Jacobi form. As we have  $J_{w,1} = 0$  for *odd*  $w$  by [8, Th. 2.2], we restrict to *even* weight  $w$  for the remainder of this section.

For  $m \geq 0$ , we define the ‘Hecke operator’  $V_m : J_{w,1} \rightarrow J_{w,m}$  as follows. For  $g \in J_{w,1}$  with Fourier expansion  $\sum_{n,r} c(n,r)e^{2\pi i(n\tau_1+r\varepsilon)}$ , we put

$$V_m(g) = \sum_{n,r} \left( \sum_{a|\gcd(n,r,m)} a^{w-1} c\left(\frac{nm}{a^2}, \frac{r}{a}\right) \right) e^{2\pi i(n\tau_1+r\varepsilon)}$$

for  $m > 0$ . This is the natural generalization of the Hecke operators for classical modular forms, see e.g. [22, Prop. VII.12]. For  $m = 0$ , we put

$$V_0(g) = -\frac{B_w c(0,0)}{2w} \left( 1 - \frac{2w}{B_w} \sum_{n \geq 1} \sigma_{w-1}(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau_1} \right)$$

with  $\sigma_n(x)$  the sum of the  $n$ th powers of the divisors of  $x$  and  $B_w$  the  $w$ th Bernoulli number defined by  $t/(e^t - 1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n t^n/n!$ . In particular, the function  $V_0(g)$  is a multiple of the classical Eisenstein series of weight  $w$ . It is not hard to show that the function

$$\Psi(g) = \sum_{m \geq 0} V_m(g)(\tau_1, \varepsilon) e^{2\pi i m \tau_2}$$

defines a Siegel modular form of weight  $w$ , see [8, Th. 6.2].

**Lemma 3.2.** *The map  $\Psi : J_{w,1} \rightarrow M_w$  is injective.*

**Proof.** This follows directly from the fact that the composition

$$J_{w,1} \xrightarrow{\Psi} M_w \hookrightarrow \prod_{m \geq 0} J_{w,m} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} J_{w,1}$$

is the identity. □

We stress that the map  $\Psi$  is in general *not* surjective. The image  $\Psi(J_{k,1})$  is known as the *Maaß Spezialschar*. However, the Eisenstein series  $E_w \in M_w$  do occur at the image of a Jacobi form. They are the images of the *Jacobi Eisenstein series*  $E_w^J$  defined by the formula  $E_w^J(\tau, z) =$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{c,d \in \mathbf{Z} \\ \gcd(c,d)=1}} \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbf{Z}} (c\tau + d)^{-w} \exp \left( 2\pi i \left( \lambda^2 \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} + 2\lambda \frac{z}{c\tau + d} - \frac{cz^2}{c\tau + d} \right) \right)$$

for  $w \geq 4$ . Here,  $a$  and  $b$  are integers such that  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is contained in  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ . We note that  $E_w^J$  can be defined as the sum of translates of the function  $1|_{w,1}$  over cosets, just like regular Eisenstein series. We refer to [8, Sec. 2] for details.

**Lemma 3.3.** *We have  $E_w = \Psi\left(\frac{-2w}{B_w} E_w^J\right)$ .*

**Proof.** It follows from [8, Th. 6.3] that  $E_w$  is a multiple of  $\Psi(E_w^J)$ . Both the Siegel Eisenstein series  $E_w$  and the Jacobi Eisenstein series  $E_w^J$  are normalized with constant coefficient 1. The lemma follows.  $\square$

It is now a straightforward matter to compute the Fourier coefficients of the Siegel Eisenstein series. The result is the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $E_w$  be the Siegel Eisenstein series of weight  $w$ , and let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mat}(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Z})$  be a positive semi-definite matrix with integer entries on the diagonal. Write  $D = b^2 - 4ac \leq 0$  and let  $D_0$  be the discriminant of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{D})$ . Then the Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  equals 1 for  $a = b = c = 0$  and*

$$\frac{-2w}{B_w} \sum_{d \mid \gcd(a,b,c)} d^{w-1} \alpha(D/d^2)$$

*otherwise. Here,  $B_k$  is the  $k$ th Bernoulli number and  $\alpha$  is defined by  $\alpha(0) = 1$ ,  $\alpha(D) = 0$  if  $D < 0$  is not a discriminant and*

$$\alpha(D) = \frac{1}{\zeta(3-2w)} H(w-1, D)$$

*otherwise. Here,  $H$  is Cohen's function defined by*

$$H(s-1, D) = L_{D_0}(2-s) \sum_{d \mid f} \mu(d) \left(\frac{D_0}{d}\right) d^{s-2} \sigma_{2s-3}(f/d), \quad D = D_0 f^2.$$

*Here,  $\zeta$  denotes the Dedekind  $\zeta$ -function,  $L_{D_0}$  is the quadratic Dirichlet  $L$ -series,  $\mu$  is the Möbius function,  $(\cdot)$  is the Kronecker symbol and  $\sigma_n(x)$  denotes the sum of the  $n$ th powers of the divisors of  $x$ .*

**Proof.** By [8, Th. 2.1], the term  $\alpha(D')$  equals the Fourier coefficient  $\alpha(n, r)$  of the Jacobi Eisenstein series  $E_w^J$  with  $D' = r^2 - 4n$ . By Lemma 3.3, we have to apply the Hecke operators  $V_m$  to these coefficients. The theorem follows.  $\square$

A formula for  $a(T)$  is also given in Corollary 2 to [8, Th. 6.3]. In this formula, the Bernoulli numbers and the  $\zeta$ -function from Theorem 3.4 are missing.

We see that Theorem 3.4 gives a much better bound than Lemma 2.2 for the cardinality of  $\{a(T) \mid \det(T) = n \in \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{Z}\}$  for the Eisenstein series. Indeed, for fundamental discriminants  $-4n$ , we have only *one* Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$ . In general, the number of coefficients is bounded by the number of square divisors of  $-4n$  which in turn is bounded by  $O(n^\varepsilon)$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . These bounds hold in general for functions in the Spezialschar  $\Psi(J_{w,1}) \subset M_w$ . Indeed, the Fourier coefficients  $c(n, r)$  of a function  $g \in J_{w,1}$  only depend on the value  $4n - r^2$ , cf. [8, Th. 2.2].

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $n_k$  be the numerator of the  $k$ th Bernoulli number  $B_k$ . Then the Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  of the Siegel Eisenstein series  $E_w$  for the matrix  $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  is contained in the set  $1/(n_w n_{2w-2})\mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbf{Q}$ .*

**Proof.** As we have  $\zeta(3-2w) = -B_{2w-2}/(2w-2)$  all we have to do is examine the denominator of the value  $L_{D_0}(2-w)$  occurring in Theorem 3.4. This is most easily done using  $p$ -adic  $L$ -series as in [4, Ch. 11]. The corollary follows from [4, Cor. 11.4.3] except in the following case: the discriminant of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{b^2-4ac})$  equals  $-p$  for an odd prime  $p$  with  $w-1 \equiv (p-1)/2 \pmod{p-1}$ . If this is the case, we a priori find that the denominator of the  $L$ -value could be divisible by  $p(w-1)$ . However, the prime  $p$  then satisfies  $(p-1) \mid (2w-2)$  and by the Clausen-von Staudt theorem [4, Cor. 9.5.15] the prime  $p$  also occurs in the denominator of  $B_{2w-2}$ . Finally,  $w-1$  is a divisor of the denominator of  $\zeta(3-2w)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *The Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  of the Siegel Eisenstein series  $E_w$  for the matrix  $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies  $|a(T)| = O((4ac-b^2)^{w-3/2})$  if  $b^2-4ac$  is non-zero.*

**Proof.** Using the functional equation for Dirichlet  $L$ -series, see e.g. [4, Th. 10.2.6], we bound  $L_{D_0}(2-w) = O(D_0^{w-3/2})$ . The inequalities

$$\frac{\sigma_n(x)}{x^n} = \sum_{d|x} \frac{1}{d^n} \leq \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{d^n} = \zeta(n) < \infty$$

give  $\sigma_n(x) = O(x^n)$  for  $n > 1$ . It follows that the  $c(D')$  in Theorem 3.4 is of size  $O(D'^{w-3/2})$ . As  $\sum_{d|n} d^{w-1}/d^{2w-3}$  is finite for  $w \geq 4$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the corollary follows.  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** *It is not hard to make the constant in the  $O$ -symbol explicit. One can take*

$$\left| \frac{4w(w-2)! \zeta(w-1)^2 \zeta(2w-3) \zeta(w-2)}{\pi^{w-1} \zeta(3-2w) B_w} \right|.$$

#### 4. COMPUTING SPECIAL VALUES OF $L$ -SERIES

The hard part in computing Fourier coefficients of Siegel Eisenstein series is computing the special values of  $L$ -series occurring in Theorem 3.4. If the discriminant of the quadratic field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{b^2-4ac})$ , corresponding to the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$ , is small these computations can be efficiently done employing generalized Bernoulli numbers as we now explain.

For  $n \geq 1$ , we let  $\chi_n$  be the quadratic Dirichlet character modulo  $n$  and define the  $\chi_n$ -Bernoulli numbers  $B_k(\chi_n)$  by the expansion

$$\frac{\sum_{r=1}^n \chi_n(r) t e^{rt}}{e^{nt} - 1} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{B_k(\chi_n)}{k!} t^k \in \mathbf{Q}[t]. \quad (4.1)$$

The generalized Bernoulli numbers  $B_k(\chi_n)$  equal the ordinary Bernoulli numbers  $B_k$  for  $n = 1$  and  $k \geq 2$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *For  $n \geq 1$  and  $w \geq 2$ , we have  $L_n(2 - w) = -B_{w-1}(\chi_n)/(w - 1)$ .*

**Proof.** See [25, Th. 4.2]. □

The values  $B_{w-1}(\chi_n)$  can easily be computed using the definition (4.1) for small  $w$  and  $n$ . For evaluating the Igusa functions, we are only interested in the values  $w = 4, 6, 10, 12$  and by computing  $B_{11}(\chi_n)$  we get the other values  $B_9(\chi_n), B_5(\chi_n)$  and  $B_3(\chi_n)$  ‘for free’.

To compute the Fourier coefficients of the Eisenstein series  $E_w$  for *large* values of  $D = b^2 - 4ac$ , we clearly need another method. It is a relatively well-known fact that Jacobi forms of even weight and index 1 ‘correspond to’ classical modular forms of half-integral weight. Explicitly, for discriminant  $D \leq 0$ , we define  $\alpha_w(D)$  as in Theorem 3.4. Following Cohen, we define the function  $C_w : \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  by

$$C_w(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_w(-n)q^n \quad (q = \exp(2\pi iz)).$$

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $C_w$  be defined as above. Then  $C_w$  is a modular form of weight  $w - 1/2$  for the congruence subgroup  $\Gamma_0(4)$ .*

**Proof.** See [5, Th. 3.1], or an alternate proof in [14, Prop. IV.6]. □

**Remark.** *The bound  $\alpha_w(n) = O(n^{w-3/2})$  from the proof of Corollary 3.6 is in nice accordance with the general result that the Fourier coefficients of a modular form of weight  $k$  are of size  $O(n^{k-1})$ .*

As the  $\mathbf{C}$ -vector space of modular forms of fixed (half-integral) weight is finite dimensional, we can easily compute coefficients of  $C_w$  given a basis for the vector space. It is not hard to show that the function

$$\theta(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} q^{n^2} = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{n^2} \quad (q = e^{2\pi iz})$$

is a modular form of weight  $1/2$  for  $\Gamma_0(4)$ . The function

$$\tilde{\theta}(z) = \theta^4(z + 1/2) = \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n^2}\right)^4 \quad (q = e^{2\pi iz})$$

is therefore a modular form of weight 2. Analogous to the proof of [14, Prop. IV.4], it follows that  $\theta$  and  $\tilde{\theta}$  generate the  $\mathbf{C}$ -algebra of all half-integral weight forms.

**Proposition 4.3.** *The following equalities hold:*

$$\begin{aligned}
C_4 &= \frac{\theta^7 + 7\theta^3\tilde{\theta}}{8} \\
C_6 &= \frac{-\theta^{11} + 22\theta^7\tilde{\theta} + 11\theta^3\tilde{\theta}^2}{32} \\
C_{10} &= \frac{-43867\theta^{19} + 725876\theta^{15}\tilde{\theta} + 12824886\theta^{11}\tilde{\theta}^2 + 8845412\theta^7\tilde{\theta}^3 + 107597\theta^3\tilde{\theta}^4}{22459904} \\
C_{12} &= \frac{77683\theta^{23} + 212405\theta^{19}\tilde{\theta} + 38627902\theta^{15}\tilde{\theta}^2 + 100820362\theta^{11}\tilde{\theta}^3}{159094784} + \\
&\quad + \frac{19313951\theta^7\tilde{\theta}^4 + 42481\theta^3\tilde{\theta}^5}{159094784}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Using Lemma 4.1, we compute the first few Fourier coefficients of  $C_w$  for  $w = 4, 6, 10, 12$ . With the observation that  $C_w$  equals an *isobaric* polynomial in  $\theta$  and  $\tilde{\theta}$ , we have to solve a system of  $w/2$  equations in  $w/2$  unknowns. The proposition follows.  $\square$

The main reason that we chose  $\theta, \tilde{\theta}$  as basis is that these two functions have a very lacunary Fourier expansion. Indeed, Proposition 4.3 now allows us to compute the first  $N$  coefficients of  $C_w$  in time  $O(N^{1+o(1)})$  using fast multiplication techniques. This leads to the theorem stated in the introduction. An important conclusion is that it is much faster to compute  $L$ -values *simultaneously* than to compute them individually.

**Corollary 4.4.** *For  $A, C \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $B \in \mathbf{Z}$  with  $B^2 \leq 4AC$ , the Fourier coefficients of the Siegel Eisenstein series  $E_w$  for all matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  satisfying  $0 \leq a \leq A$ ,  $0 \leq c \leq C$ ,  $|b| \leq B$  can be computed in time  $O((ABC)^{1+\varepsilon})$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The constant in the  $O$ -symbol depends on the weight  $w$ .*

## 5. CUSP FORMS

### 5.1 Siegel cusp forms in the Spezialschar.

The techniques explained in Sections 3 and 4 allow us to efficiently compute the Fourier coefficients of Siegel Eisenstein series. This suffices for evaluating Igusa functions, since these functions are rational expressions in  $E_w$  for  $w = 4, 6, 10, 12$ . However, the denominators of the Igusa functions have more structure: they are Siegel cusp forms. It is a natural question to ask if we can compute the Fourier coefficients of  $\chi_{10}$  *directly* via Jacobi forms. We explain this method in this Section.

Let  $M_w^1$  be the vector space of classical modular forms of integral weight  $w$ , and let  $M^1 = \bigoplus_{w \geq 0} M_w^1$  be the space of all classical modular forms. It is well known that we have  $M^1 \cong \mathbf{C}[E_4^1, E_6^1]$ , with  $E_w^1$  the classical Eisenstein series of weight  $w$ , see [22, Cor. 2 to Th. VII.4]. We define the *Siegel operator*  $S : M \rightarrow M^1$

as follows. For a Siegel modular form  $f : \mathbf{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with Fourier expansion  $f(\tau) = \sum_T a(T) \exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau))$  we put

$$S(f) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a \left( \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{2\pi i n \tau_1}, \quad \text{with } \tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Siegel operator is a ring homomorphism  $M \rightarrow M^1$ , and it maps Eisenstein series to Eisenstein series. In fact, for the Eisenstein series  $E_w$ , it is the composition of the maps

$$M_w \longrightarrow \prod_{m \geq 0} J_{w,m} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} J_{w,0} \longrightarrow M_w^1,$$

introduced in Section 2.

A Siegel modular form  $f$  is called a *cuspidal form* if it satisfies  $S(f) = 0$ . Equivalently,  $f$  is a cuspidal form if and only if the Fourier coefficients  $a(T)$  are zero for all semi-definite  $T$  that are not definite. It follows from well-known identities between classical Eisenstein series that

$$\chi_{10} = -43867 \cdot 2^{-12} \cdot 3^{-5} \cdot 5^{-2} \cdot 7^{-1} \cdot 53^{-1} (E_4 E_6 - E_{10})$$

and

$$\chi_{12} = 131 \cdot 593 \cdot 2^{-13} \cdot 3^{-7} \cdot 5^{-3} \cdot 7^{-2} \cdot 337^{-1} (3^2 \cdot 7^2 E_4^3 + 2 \cdot 5^3 E_6^2 - 691 E_{12}),$$

are cuspidal forms. The constants in  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  should be regarded as ‘normalization factors’.

**Lemma 5.1.** *The ideal of cuspidal forms in  $M^e$  is generated by  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$ . The ideal of cuspidal forms in  $M$  is generated by  $\chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$  and a modular form  $\chi_{35}$  of weight 35 corresponding to  $\overline{X}$  in Lemma 3.1*

**Proof.** See [13, Th. 3]. □

It is well-known that the cuspidal forms  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  are contained in the Maaß Spezialschar  $\Psi(J_{k,1})$ , the gist of the proof being [8, Th. 6.3]. A Jacobi form  $g \in J_{w,m}$  is called a *cuspidal form* if its Fourier coefficients  $c(n, r)$  are zero for  $4nm - r^2 = 0$ . In particular, the map

$$M_w \rightarrow \prod_{m \geq 0} J_{w,m} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} J_{w,1}$$

maps Siegel cuspidal forms to Jacobi cuspidal forms. In weight 10 and 12 we have the Jacobi cuspidal forms

$$\varphi_{10,1} = \frac{1}{144} (E_6^1 E_{4,1} - E_4^1 E_{6,1}) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_{12,1} = \frac{1}{144} ((E_4^1)^2 E_{4,1} - E_6 E_{6,1}),$$

with  $E_4^1 = 1 + 240 \sum_{n>0} \sigma_3(n) q^n$  and  $E_6^1 = 1 - 504 \sum_{n>0} \sigma_5(n) q^n$  the classical Eisenstein series. The factor 144 should again be regarded as a normalization factor.

**Lemma 5.2.** *We have  $\chi_{10} = \Psi(-\varphi_{10,1}/4)$  and  $\chi_{12} = \Psi(\varphi_{12,1}/12)$ .*

**Proof.** The cusp forms  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  are contained in the Spezielschar and therefore occur as images of Jacobi cusp forms. The spaces of Jacobi cusp forms of weight 10 and 12 are 1-dimensional by [8, Th. 3.5]. Using Theorem 3.4, we compute

$$a\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

for a Fourier coefficient of  $\chi_{10}$  and

$$c(1, 0) = -2$$

for the corresponding coefficient of  $\varphi_{10,1}$ . The result for  $\chi_{10}$  follows. The computation for  $\chi_{12}$  yields

$$a\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \frac{5}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad c(1, 0) = 10.$$

The lemma follows. □

To compute the Fourier coefficients of  $\varphi_{10,1}$  and  $\varphi_{12,1}$  we note that the coefficients  $c_{\varphi_{10,1}}(n, r)$  and  $c_{\varphi_{12,1}}(n, r)$  only depend on the value of  $4n - r^2 \geq 0$ . Furthermore, the functions

$$K_{10} = \sum_{k \geq 0} c_{\varphi_{10,1}}(k) q^k \quad \text{and} \quad K_{12} = \sum_{k \geq 0} c_{\varphi_{12,1}}(k) q^k$$

are classical modular *cusp forms*, for the group  $\Gamma_0(4)$ , of weight  $9\frac{1}{2}$  and  $11\frac{1}{2}$  respectively by [8, Th. 5.4].

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $\theta$  and  $\tilde{\theta}$  be as in Section 4. Then we have*

$$K_{10} = \frac{\theta^{15}\tilde{\theta} - 3\theta^{11}\tilde{\theta}^2 + 3\theta^7\tilde{\theta}^3 - \theta^3\tilde{\theta}^4}{4096}$$

$$K_{12} = \frac{5\theta^{19}\tilde{\theta} - 16\theta^{15}\tilde{\theta}^2 + 18\theta^{11}\tilde{\theta}^3 - 8\theta^7\tilde{\theta}^4 + \theta^3\tilde{\theta}^5}{16384}.$$

**Proof.** Analogous to the proof of Proposition 4.3. □

It should come as no surprise that there are no terms  $\theta^{19}$  and  $\theta^{23}$  occurring in Proposition 5.3. Indeed, the forms  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$  are cusp forms and therefore vanish at  $q = 0$  whereas  $\theta$  does not vanish at  $q = 0$ .

Proposition 5.3 allows us to compute the Fourier coefficients of  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$ , which in turn enables us to evaluate the Siegel cusp forms  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  at arbitrary points  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}_2$ . For the proof of Theorem 1.2, we need a bound on the size of the

Fourier coefficients of  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  as well. We need an *explicit* bound, like the bound in Remark 3.7.

For the remainder of Section 5.1 we let  $T$  be positive definite. Then the ‘Resnikoff-Saldaña conjecture’ ([21])

$$|a(T)| = O((\det T)^{w/2-3/4+\varepsilon})$$

for the size of a Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  of a Siegel modular cusp form of weight  $w$  is known to be false in general. Counterexamples to the conjecture are for instance provided by Siegel cusp forms that are *lifts* of classical modular cusp forms, see [2]. In particular, the modular forms  $\chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$  that we are interested in do not satisfy the Reskinoff-Saldaña conjecture.

At this moment, the best known general result is

$$|a(T)| = O((\det T)^{w/2-13/36+\varepsilon})$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , see [16]. We will prove in Section 5.2 that the Fourier coefficients of  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  satisfy

$$|a(T)| = O((\det T)^{w/2-1/2+\varepsilon}),$$

and we will make the constant in the  $O$ -symbol explicit. The reason that our bound is better than the bound in [16] is that our Siegel modular forms lie in the Maaß Spezialschar, and this allows us to give a stronger bound. In fact, we will show that if the Lindelöf-hypothesis is true, the Fourier coefficients *for squarefree*  $\det(T)$  satisfy the Reskinoff-Saldaña conjecture. This shows that the obstruction to the Reskinoff-Saldaña conjecture comes from case that  $\det(T)$  is non-squarefree, and the obstruction is of size  $O((\det T)^{1/4+\varepsilon})$ .

## 5.2 Bounding Fourier coefficients.

First we will bound the Fourier coefficients of  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$  explicitly. One approach would be to adapt ‘Hecke’s proof’ [22, Th. VII.5] for cusp forms. This technique would yield a bound of  $O(n^{4.75})$  for  $K_{10}$ , where we can make the constant in the  $O$ -symbol explicit. However, our modular forms have considerably more structure and we will use a variant of Waldspurger’s formula to obtain a better bound.

The modular forms  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$  have the property that their Fourier coefficients  $c(n)$  are zero for  $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ . As a consequence, they are contained in a *subspace*, known as Kohnen’s plus space, of the space of all weight  $w - 1/2$  forms, see [8, Sec. 6]. As Kohnen’s plus space is one-dimensional for  $w = 10, 12$ , both  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$  are Hecke eigenforms. For every Hecke eigenform  $f$  of weight  $w - 1/2$ , Shimura constructs, see e.g. [8, Sec. 5], an integral weight cuspform  $g$  of weight  $2w - 2$  with the property that

$$c(|D|)^2 = \frac{\langle f, f \rangle}{\langle g, g \rangle} \frac{(w-2)!}{\pi^{w-1}} L(g, \chi_D, w-1) |D|^{w-3/2} \quad (5.1)$$

holds for the Fourier coefficient  $c(|D|)$  of  $f$ . In formula (5.1), known as Waldspurger's formula,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the usual Petersson inner product, and  $L(g, \chi_D, s)$  is the  $L$ -series associated to  $g$ , twisted by the quadratic Dirichlet character  $\chi_D$ . For non-fundamental  $D$  one should be careful how to define the  $L$ -series, we refer to [17] for details.

First we reduce the question of bounding  $c(D)$  to the case that  $D$  is fundamental. Let  $f$  be either  $K_{10}$  or  $K_{12}$  of weight  $w - 1/2$ . It is well-known (one carefully goes through the Shimura correspondence) that the Fourier coefficients  $c(n^2|D|)$  and  $c(|D|)$  of  $f$  are related by

$$c(n^2|D|) = c(|D|) \cdot \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left(\frac{D}{d}\right) d^{w-2} b(n/d),$$

where  $b$  is the Fourier coefficient of the corresponding integral weight form  $g = \sum b(n)q^n$ . We can easily estimate the sum on the right hand side; the result is the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.4.** *For  $D < 0$ , the Fourier coefficient  $c(n^2|D|)$  of  $f = K_{10}, K_{12}$  satisfies*

$$c(n^2|D|) \leq C(\varepsilon)^2 n^{w-3/2+2\varepsilon} c(|D|)$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Here,  $C$  is defined by  $C(x) = \exp(2^{1/x}/(x \log 2))$ .

**Proof.** We bound

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \left(\frac{D}{d}\right) d^{w-2} b(n/d) \leq \sum_{d|n} d^{w-2} b(n/d) \leq \sum_{d|n} \left( d^{w-2} (n/d)^{w-3/2} \sum_{f|(n/d)} 1 \right),$$

where the last inequality is due to Deligne [7, Thm. 8.2]. The lemma now follows from the bound  $\sum_{d|n} 1 \leq C(\varepsilon)n^\varepsilon$  from e.g. [10, Sec. 18.1].  $\square$

We continue with bounding the Fourier coefficient  $c(|D|)$  for a fundamental discriminant  $D < 0$ . First we bound the quotient of the Petersson inner products occurring in (5.1).

**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $g_{18}, g_{22}$  be the modular forms associated to  $K_{10}, K_{12}$  respectively under Shimura's construction. Then we have*

$$75633 \leq \frac{\langle g_{18}, g_{18} \rangle}{\langle K_{10}, K_{10} \rangle} \leq 75634 \quad \text{and} \quad 1197338 \leq \frac{\langle g_{22}, g_{22} \rangle}{\langle K_{12}, K_{12} \rangle} \leq 1197339.$$

**Proof.** As the space of weight 18 cusp forms is one-dimensional, we have  $g_{18} = \Delta E_6^1$ . Likewise,  $g_{22} = \Delta E_{10}^1$ . By formula (5.1) we have

$$\frac{\langle g_{18}, g_{18} \rangle}{\langle K_{10}, K_{10} \rangle} = \frac{L(g_{18}, \chi_D, 9)}{c(|D|)^2} \cdot \frac{8!}{\pi^9} |D|^{8.5}$$

for every discriminant  $D < 0$  for which the Fourier coefficient  $c(|D|)$  of  $K_{10}$  is nonzero. Since we can compute the Fourier coefficients of  $K_{10}$ , it suffices to explicitly evaluate the  $L$ -series at the center of the critical strip.

Since  $g_{18}$  is a Hecke eigenform, the formula

$$(2\pi)^{-s}\Gamma(s)L(g_{18}, s) = \int_0^\infty g_{18}(iy)y^s dy/y$$

is valid for all  $s \in \mathbf{C}$ . Analogous to the example in [17], we derive the relation

$$L(g_{18}, \chi_D, 9) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(9)}(2\pi/|D|)^9 \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) b(n)\phi_8(2\pi n/|D|) \quad (5.2)$$

for  $g_{18} = \sum_n b(n)n^{-s}$ . Here, we write

$$\phi_8(x) = \int_1^\infty y^8 \exp(-xy) dy = \frac{8!}{x^9} \exp(-x) (1 + x + x^2/2! + \dots + x^8/8!).$$

The right hand side of (5.2) converges exponentially fast, and since we know the Fourier coefficients of  $g_{18}$  we easily compute the first bound of the lemma.

Since the space of weight 22 cusp forms is also one-dimensional, the bound for  $K_{12}$  follows analogously.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.6.** *For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the twisted  $L$ -series associated to the cusp forms  $g_{18}$  and  $g_{22}$  satisfy*

$$|L(g_{18}, \chi_D, 9)| \leq B(\varepsilon, 9)|D|^{0.5+\varepsilon} \quad |L(g_{22}, \chi_D, 11)| \leq B(\varepsilon, 11)|D|^{0.5+\varepsilon}$$

for all fundamental discriminants  $D < 0$ . Here,  $B$  is defined by

$$B(\varepsilon, n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \max \left\{ \zeta(1 + \varepsilon)^2, \zeta(1 + \varepsilon)^2 \frac{\Gamma(n + 1/2 + \varepsilon)}{\Gamma(n - 1/2 - \varepsilon)} \right\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $g = \sum_m b(m)q^m$  be either  $g_{18}$  or  $g_{22}$ , and let  $2w$  be the weight of  $g$ . With  $\Lambda(s, \chi_D) = \left(\frac{D}{2\pi}\right)^s \Gamma(s + w - 1/2)L(g, \chi_D, s + w - 1/2)$ , the twisted  $L$ -series for  $g$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\Lambda(s, \chi_D) = \Lambda(1 - s, \chi_D)$$

for all  $s \in \mathbf{C}$ . We will bound  $L(g, \chi_D, s)$  on a vertical line to the right of the critical strip, which by the functional equation gives a bound on a vertical line to the left of the critical strip. A variant of the Phragmen-Lindelöf theorem will then give the result.

We put  $P(s) = \left(\frac{D}{2\pi}\right)^s L(g, \chi_D, s + w - 1/2)$  and  $A(m) = b(m)/m^{w-1/2}$ . We have  $L(g_{18}, \chi_D, s + w - 1/2) = \sum_m \frac{A(m)\chi_D(m)}{m^s}$ , and the coefficients  $A(m)$  are bounded by  $\sigma_0(m) = \sum_{d|m} 1$  by Deligne's theorem [7, Th. 8.2]. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , we bound

$$|L(g_{18}, \chi_D, 1 + \varepsilon + w - 1/2)| \leq \sum_m \frac{|A(m)|}{m^{1+\varepsilon}} \leq \sum_m \frac{\sigma_0(m)}{m^{1+\varepsilon}} = \zeta(1 + \varepsilon)^2.$$

We get  $|P(1 + \varepsilon + it)| \leq \frac{|D|^{1+\varepsilon} \zeta(1+\varepsilon)^2}{2\pi} = U_1(\varepsilon)|D|^{1+\varepsilon}$ . Using the functional equation, we bound

$$\begin{aligned} |P(-\varepsilon + it)| &= \left| \frac{\Gamma(1 + \varepsilon - it + w - 1/2)}{\Gamma(-\varepsilon + it + w - 1/2)} \zeta(1 + \varepsilon - it)^2 \right| \\ &\leq U_2(\varepsilon)(1 + |t|)^{1+2\varepsilon} U_1(\varepsilon) |D|^{1+\varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from Stirling's formula.

By the Phragmen-Lindelöf theorem, see e.g. [6, Sec. VI.4], we can bound

$$|P(\sigma + it)| \leq U(\varepsilon)(1 + |t|)^{M(\sigma)} |D|^{1+\varepsilon} \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in [-\varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon],$$

where  $U(\varepsilon) = \max\{U_1(\varepsilon), U_2(\varepsilon)U_1(\varepsilon)\}$  is the maximum of the two  $\varepsilon$ -dependent bounds on the vertical lines, and  $M(\sigma) = 1 + \varepsilon - \sigma$  takes the values  $M(-\varepsilon) = 1 + 2\varepsilon$  and  $M(1 + \varepsilon) = 0$ . Taking  $\sigma = 1/2$  and  $t = 0$ , we derive

$$|L(g, \chi_D, w)| \leq \sqrt{2\pi} U(\varepsilon) |D|^{1/2+\varepsilon},$$

which yields the lemma.  $\square$

**Remark 5.7.** *It is possible to improve the exponent  $1/2 + \varepsilon$  occurring in Lemma 5.6. For instance, if the Lindelöf hypothesis is true, then we can replace  $1/2 + \varepsilon$  by  $\varepsilon$ . Using more advanced techniques than the Phragmen-Lindelöf theorem, we can reduce the  $1/2$  unconditionally as well. Lemma 5.6 will suffice for our applications.*

**Corollary 5.8.** *Let the notation be as in Lemmas 5.4 and 5.6 and write  $n = f^2 n_0$  with  $n_0$  fundamental. Then, for every  $\eta, \varepsilon > 0$ , the coefficients  $c_{10,1}(n)$  and  $c_{12,1}(n)$  of  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$  satisfy*

$$c_{10,1}(n) \leq \frac{1}{236} \sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 9)} C(\eta)^2 f^{8.5+2\eta} n_0^{4.5+1/2\varepsilon} \quad \text{and}$$

$$c_{12,1}(n) \leq \frac{1}{311} \sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 11)} C(\eta)^2 f^{10.5+2\eta} n_0^{5.5+1/2\varepsilon}$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** Substitute Lemmas 5.4–5.6 into Waldspurger's formula (5.1).  $\square$

**Remark 5.9.** As we have  $f = (n/n_0)^{1/2}$ , the size of  $c_{w,1}(n)$  in Corollary is  $O(n^{w/2-1/2+\varepsilon})$ , where the constant in the  $O$ -symbol is explicit. If the Lindelöf hypothesis is true, then we immediately get  $c_{w,1}(n) = O(n^{w/2-3/4+\varepsilon})$  (possibly with an ineffective constant). This last estimate is known as the Petersson-Ramanujan conjecture for half-integral weight cusp forms.

We are now in the position to give an estimate for the Fourier coefficients of the cusp forms  $\chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$ .

**Theorem 5.10.** Let the functions  $B, C$  be as in Lemmas 5.4 and 5.6 and write  $(4 \det T) = n = f^2 n_0$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma > 0$ , the Fourier coefficients  $a_{10}(T)$  and  $a_{12}(T)$  of  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  satisfy

$$|a_{10}(T)| \leq \frac{1}{236} C(\eta)^2 C(\gamma) \sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 9)} f^{9+\gamma+2\eta} n_0^{4.5+1/2\varepsilon} = O((\det T)^{4.5+\varepsilon})$$

$$|a_{12}(T)| \leq \frac{1}{311} C(\eta)^2 C(\gamma) \sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 11)} f^{11+\gamma+2\eta} n_0^{5.5+1/2\varepsilon} = O((\det T)^{5.5+\varepsilon}).$$

**Proof.** The Fourier coefficient of  $\chi_{10}$  for the matrix  $T$  is bounded by

$$\sum_{d^2|n} d^9 c_{10,1} \left( \frac{n}{d^2} \right) \leq \frac{1}{236} \sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 9)} C(\eta)^2 n_0^{4.5+\varepsilon/2} \sum_{d|f} d^9 (f/d)^{8.5+2\eta}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{236} \sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 9)} C(\eta)^2 f^{9+2\eta} n_0^{4.5+\varepsilon/2} \sum_{d|f} \frac{1}{d^{2\eta}}.$$

The sum on the right hand side is bounded by

$$\sum_{d|f} 1 \leq C(\gamma) f^\gamma,$$

see e.g. [10, Sec. 18.1.]. The proof for  $\chi_{12}$  is similar.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.11.** Assume that the Lindelöf-hypothesis is true. Then for the Fourier coefficients  $a_w(T)$  of  $\chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$  we have

$$|a_w(T)| = O((\det T)^{w/2-3/4+\varepsilon})$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  if  $\det(T)$  is squarefree. In general, we have

$$|a_w(T)| = O \left( (\det T)^{w/2-3/4+\varepsilon} \sum_{d^2|(4 \det T)} \sqrt{d} \right) = O((\det(T))^{w/2-1/2+\varepsilon})$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

## 6. SPEED OF CONVERGENCE

In section we carefully analyse the speed of convergence of the Siegel Eisenstein series occurring in (1.2), and this will yield Theorem 1.2 without too much effort. To analyse the convergence of a Siegel modular function we a priori have to consider *three* variables. We begin by showing that it suffices to look at a ‘one-dimensional’ convergence problem.

The imaginary part  $\text{Im}(\tau)$  of a matrix  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}_2$  is positive definite. Hence, there exists  $\delta \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$  with  $\text{Im}(\tau) \geq \delta 1_2$ , meaning that  $\text{Im}(\tau) - \delta 1_2$  is positive semi-definite. We define

$$\delta(\tau) = \sup\{\delta' \in \mathbf{R} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) \geq \delta' 1_2\}$$

to be the ‘largest’ of all these values. With this notation, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.1.** *Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mat}_2(\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{Z})$  be positive semi-definite and let  $\tau \in \mathbf{H}_2$ . Then the inequality*

$$|\exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau))| \leq \exp(-2\pi \text{Tr}(T)\delta(\tau))$$

*holds.*

**Proof.** We have an equality  $|\exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau))| = \exp(-2\pi \text{Tr}(T\text{Im}(\tau)))$ . Since  $T$  is positive semi-definite, we have  $T\text{Im}(\tau) \geq T\delta(\tau)$ . The lemma follows.  $\square$

We have

$$(6.1) \quad E_w(\tau) = \sum_T a(T) \exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau)) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{T \in S(t)} a(T) \exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau))$$

where  $S(t)$  is the set of all  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices of trace  $t$  with non-negative integer entries on the diagonal and half-integer entries on the off-diagonal. The set  $S(t)$  clearly has at most  $2(t+1)^2$  elements for which  $a(T)$  is non-zero.

The technique of ‘splitting up’ the evaluation of a Siegel modular form as in equation (6.1) enables us to find a lower bound for  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)|$ . The idea is that if we have

$$\left| \sum_{\substack{T \in S(t) \\ t \leq B}} a(T) \exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau)) \right| > 10 \left| \sum_{\substack{T \in S(t) \\ t > B}} a(T) \exp(2\pi i \text{Tr}(T\tau)) \right| \quad (6.2)$$

then the value of  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)|$  is roughly equal to the left hand side of (6.2). Furthermore, we can apply the upper bound for the Fourier coefficients of  $\chi_{10}$  given by Theorem 5.8 to bound the right hand side of (6.2). Taking  $B = 2$  yields the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let*

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and for  $\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma > 0$ , put  $M(\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma) = \frac{1}{236}C(\eta)^2C(\gamma)\sqrt{B(\varepsilon, 9)}$  where the notation is as in Lemmas 5.4 and 5.6. If, for any  $\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma > 0$ , we have

$$|c| \geq 10 \sum_{t=3}^{\infty} 2M(\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma)t^{11+\varepsilon+2\eta} \exp(-2\pi t\delta(\tau))$$

for

$$c = \frac{1}{2} \exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(M_1\tau)) - \frac{1}{4} \exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(M_2\tau)) - \frac{1}{4} \exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(M_3\tau)),$$

then we have  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)| \geq 9/10|c|$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\chi_{10}$  is a cusp form, there are no matrices  $T \in S(0) \cup S(1)$  for which the Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  of  $\chi_{10}$  is non-zero. In particular, the set  $S(t)$  has at most  $2t^2$  elements for which  $a(T)$  is non-zero.

The only  $T \in S(2)$  for which  $a(T)$  is non-zero are the matrices  $T = M_1, M_2, M_3$ . These matrices have Fourier coefficients  $1/2, -1/4, -1/4$  respectively. Hence,  $c$  equals the left hand side of (6.2) with  $B = 2$ .

From Theorem 5.10 and the ‘AGM-inequality’  $n = f^2n_0 = 4 \det(T) \leq \operatorname{Tr}(T)^2$  we bound

$$|a(T)| \leq M(\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma)f^{9+\gamma+2\eta}n_0^{4.5+1/2\varepsilon} \leq M(\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma)\operatorname{Tr}(T)^{9+\varepsilon+2\eta+\gamma}. \quad (6.2)$$

The right hand side of (6.2) is now bounded from above by

$$\begin{aligned} & 10 \sum_{t=3}^{\infty} 2t^2 \left| \max_{T \in S(t)} \{a(T) \exp(-2\pi \operatorname{Tr}(T)\delta(\tau))\} \right| \\ & \leq 20 \sum_{t=3}^{\infty} M(\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma)t^{11+\varepsilon+2\eta+\gamma} \exp(-2\pi t\delta(\tau)), \end{aligned}$$

and the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Remark 6.3.** *In Lemma 6.2, we can choose any  $\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma$ . The optimal choice depends on the value of  $\delta(\tau)$ .*

**Remark 6.4.** *If the condition in Lemma 6.2 does not hold for any  $\varepsilon, \eta, \gamma$ , we can look at the contribution of all matrices of trace 2 and 3. If that majorates the contribution coming from all matrices of trace 4 and higher, we have found a lower bound on  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)|$ .*

**Proof of Theorem 1.2.** The Igusa functions are rational expressions in the Eisenstein series  $E_4, E_6$  and the cusp forms  $\chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$ . The proof consists of 2 parts: first we analyse the ‘loss of precision’ that occurs when applying the formulas (1.2). Knowing the precision to which to evaluate the four Siegel modular forms, we then carefully analyse the speed of convergence of these series.

Using Corollary 3.6 with the constant from Remark 3.7, we bound

$$(5.2) \quad |a(T)| \leq 19230 \operatorname{Tr}(T)^5$$

for a Fourier coefficient of  $E_4$  in case  $\det(T)$  is non-zero. For  $\det(T) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Tr}(T) \neq 0$ , we use Theorem 3.4 directly: the rough bound

$$\frac{-8}{B_4} \sum_{d|\gcd(a,b,c)} d^4 \cdot 1 \leq 240 \sum_{d|\operatorname{Tr}(T)} \operatorname{Tr}(T)^4 \leq 240 \operatorname{Tr}(T)^5$$

implies that inequality (5.2) holds in this case as well. We conclude that  $|E_4(\tau)|$  is bounded by

$$1 + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 2 \cdot 19230 t^5 (t+1)^2 \exp(-2\pi t \delta(\tau)) \leq 328$$

where we have used the assumption  $\delta(\tau) \geq 1$ . For  $E_6(\tau)$  we get the bound  $|E_6(\tau)| \leq 285$ . Using equation (6.2) with  $\eta = 1.5, \varepsilon = 0.2, \gamma = 1.8$ , we derive the bounds  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)| \leq 3$  and  $|\chi_{12}(\tau)| \leq 18$  for the cusp forms.

Using these four upper bounds, it is straightforward to check that if we evaluate all four Siegel modular forms up to  $k+9$  decimal digits, then we know the products  $\chi_{12}(\tau)^5, E_4(\tau)\chi_{12}(\tau)^3$  and  $E_6(\tau)\chi_{12}(\tau)^2$  occurring in formula (1.2) up to  $k$  decimal digits precision. Furthermore, we know by assumption that  $\chi_{10}(\tau)$  does not equal zero. Let  $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{>1}$  be the smallest  $n$  such that  $|\chi_{10}(\tau)| \geq 10^{-n}$  holds. By dividing by  $\chi_{10}(\tau)^6$ , we lose  $\max\{0, 6n\}$  digits precision. Hence, if we evaluate all the Siegel modular forms occurring in (1.2) up to  $l = k + \max\{7, 6n\} = k + 6n$  digits of precision, we know the Igusa values  $j_1(\tau), j_2(\tau), j_3(\tau)$  up to  $k$  decimal digits of precision.

We evaluate the Siegel modular functions  $E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$  using the sum (6.1), truncated to only include matrices whose trace is below some bound  $B$ . It remains to give a value for  $B$  such that the function values are accurate up to  $l$  decimal digits. For  $B \geq 3$ , the speed of convergence of the four series involved is slowest for  $\chi_{12}$ , and it suffices to look at this function. Taking  $\eta = 1.5, \varepsilon = 0.2, \gamma = 1.8$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{T \in S(t) \\ t \geq B}} a_{12}(T) \exp(2\pi i \operatorname{Tr}(T\tau)) \leq \sum_{t=B}^{\infty} 18t^{18} \exp(-2\pi t \delta(\tau))$$

and if the sum on the right hand side is less than  $10^{-l}$  then the contribution coming from the matrices of trace larger than  $B$  do not alter the first  $l$  decimal digits. The theorem follows.  $\square$

## 7. EXAMPLES

In this section we illustrate the techniques developed in this paper by evaluating  $j_1(\tau)$  for two choices of  $\tau$ .

**7.1. Example.** We detail the evaluation of the Igusa functions  $j_1, j_2, j_3$  at

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 5i & 13 + 26i \\ 13 + 26i & 83 + 141i \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{H}_2$$

to 500 decimal digits of precision. The Igusa functions are rational expressions in the Siegel modular forms  $E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$ , cf. Section 1. The idea is to simply evaluate these series at  $\tau$  to high enough precision and then apply the formulas (1.2).

We have the rather low bound  $\delta(\tau) \geq 0.15$  in this case. However, for the purpose of evaluating Igusa functions, we may replace  $\tau$  by an  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z})$ -equivalent matrix  $\tau'$ . It is straightforward to check that the matrix

$$\tau' = \begin{pmatrix} 5i & i \\ i & 6i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -13 \\ -5 & 1 & -3 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}(\tau)$$

lies in the fundamental domain for  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z}) \backslash \mathbf{H}_2$  as e.g. described in [9]. We have  $\delta(\tau') \geq 4.3$ .

To bound  $|\chi_{10}(\tau')|$  from below, we apply Lemma 6.2. With the notation of this lemma, we compute  $c \approx -1.28 \cdot 10^{-28}$  and the value of the sum is roughly equal to  $6.3 \cdot 10^{-27}$  for  $(\eta, \varepsilon, \gamma) = (1.5, 0.2, 1.8)$ . We see that Lemma 6.2 does not apply directly. However, if we compute the contribution  $c'$  coming from all matrices of at most 3, then we get  $c' \approx -1.28 \cdot 10^{-28} \approx c$  but we now have

$$20 \sum_{t=4}^{\infty} M(1.5, 0.2, 1.8) t^{16} \exp(-2\pi t \cdot 4.3) \approx 2.3 \cdot 10^{-37}$$

We conclude that  $|\chi_{10}(\tau')|$  is bounded from below by  $1.28 \cdot 10^{-28}$ .

The lower bound on  $|\chi_{10}(\tau')|$  yields that we lose  $6 \cdot 28 = 168$  decimal digits of precision in the computation of  $j_1(\tau')$ . However, we also easily bound  $|\chi_{12}(\tau')| \leq 4.37 \cdot 10^{-29}$ . Hence, we gain  $5 \cdot 29 = 145$  decimal digits of precision by multiplying by  $\chi_{12}(\tau')^5$ . The ‘net loss’ of precision is therefore only  $168 - 145 = 23$  decimal digits of precision.

Putting everything together, we need to evaluate the Siegel modular forms  $E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}, \chi_{12}$  up to 524 decimal digits precision to know the values of the Igusa functions up to 500 decimal digits precision. The sum

$$\sum_{t=B}^{\infty} 18t^{18} \exp(-8.6\pi t)$$

is less than  $10^{-524}$  for  $B = 48$  and we hence have to consider all matrices of trace up to 47.

To compute the Fourier coefficients for all matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  of *trace* at most 47, we compute the Fourier coefficients of all matrices satisfying  $4ac - b^2 \leq 2209 = 47^2$ , with the convention that we only take the matrices of trace at most 47 in the case of determinant 0. To compute all the coefficients  $a(T)$  for  $E_4, E_6, \chi_{10}$  and  $\chi_{12}$  we compute the first 2209 terms of the power series

$$\theta = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{n^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\theta} = \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n^2}\right)^4.$$

Using Proposition 4.3, we compute the first 2209 coefficients of the modular forms  $C_4$  and  $C_6$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-8}{B_4} C_4 &= 240 + 13440q^3 + 30240q^4 + 138240q^7 + 181440q^8 + 362880q^{11} + O(q^{12}) \\ \frac{-12}{B_6} C_6 &= -504 + 44352q^3 + 166320q^4 + 2128896q^7 + 3792096q^8 + O(q^{11}). \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients of the forms  $C_i$  are the Fourier coefficients of the Jacobi Eisenstein series  $E_i^J$ . Using Proposition 5.3 we compute the first 2209 coefficients of the modular forms  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-1}{4} K_{10} &= -1/4q^3 + 1/2q^4 + 4q^7 - 9q^8 - 99/4q^{11} + O(q^{12}) \\ \frac{1}{12} K_{12} &= 1/12q^3 + 5/6q^4 - 22/3q^7 - 11q^8 + 425/4q^{11} + O(q^{12}). \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients of  $K_{10}$  and  $K_{12}$  are the Fourier coefficients of the Jacobi cusp forms  $\varphi_{10,1}$  and  $\varphi_{12,1}$ .

Since the four Siegel modular forms we are interested in all lie in the Maaß Spezialschar, the Fourier coefficient  $a(T)$  of one of them only depends on the determinant of  $T$  and the greatest common divisor of the entries of  $T$ . We make an array ‘encoding’ these Fourier coefficients as follows. For every positive integer  $N \leq 2209$ , we compute its square free part  $N_0$  and write  $N = N_0 f^2$ . For every divisor  $d \mid f$ , we compute and store the Fourier coefficient belonging to a matrix  $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  with  $4ac - b^2 = N$  and  $\gcd(a, b, c) = d$ . For  $E_4$  and  $N = 16$  we get

$$[997920, 1239840, 0, 1239840]$$

for instance. For  $N = 0$  we make a list of all positive integers  $d \leq X$  and store the coefficients for the determinant zero matrices with trace  $d$ .

The computations so far were independent of the choice of  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & z \\ z & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{H}_2$ . We let  $q_1 = \exp(2\pi i\tau_1)$ ,  $q_2 = \exp(2\pi i\tau_2)$  and  $q_3 = \exp(2\pi iz)$  be the ‘Fourier variables’ of the entries of  $\tau$ . We compute and store the values  $q_1^0 = 1, q_1, q_1^2, \dots, q_1^X$  and likewise for  $q_2$ . For  $\zeta$  we need to compute both the first  $X$  powers of  $\zeta$  and  $\zeta^{-1}$  because the off-diagonal entries of the matrices can be negative.

The precision needed for this computation is easily computed. Indeed, the maximum bound for a Fourier coefficient is roughly  $10^{31}$  and occurs for  $\chi_{12}$  and a trace 47 matrix. As we need to recognize the values  $a(T) \exp(2\pi i\text{Tr}(T\tau))$  up to 524 decimal digits precision, we need to compute  $q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  with  $524 + 31 = 555$  decimal digits precision.

After making these 4 lists, we now simply loop over  $a = 0, \dots, X$ ,  $c = 0, \dots, X$  and  $b = 0, \dots, \lfloor \sqrt{4ac} \rfloor$  and for the triples  $(a, b, c)$  with  $b^2 - 4ac \leq X$  we compute  $\gcd(a, b, c)$  and look up the Fourier coefficient in the stored array.

We implemented this algorithm in the computer algebra package Magma. We did not attempt to be as efficient as possible in our implementation. On our 64-bit, 2.1 Ghz computer it took roughly 1 second to compute  $j_1(\tau), j_2(\tau), j_3(\tau)$  up to 500 decimal digits precision. We have

$$j_1(\tau) = 17399743914575167430246482183.29799\dots$$

for instance. The computation of the Fourier coefficients of the Eisenstein series is negligible: the bottleneck is the ‘loop’ over all matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  satisfying  $0 \leq a \leq X$ ,  $0 \leq c \leq X$ ,  $|b| \leq \lfloor \sqrt{4ac} \rfloor$ .

**7.2. CM-example.** The evaluation of Igusa functions is a main ingredient in the computation of Igusa class polynomials, which is in turn used to construct e.g. hyperelliptic curves with cryptographic properties. We illustrate our algorithm by recomputing  $j_1(\tau)$  for a small CM-point  $\tau$ .

Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-5 + \sqrt{5}})$  be a quartic CM field. The extension  $K/\mathbf{Q}$  is cyclic and  $K$  has class number two. Using [24, Algorithm 1], see also [26, Thm. 3.1], we compute that

$$\tau' = \begin{pmatrix} 2.4060038200i & 0.4595058410i \\ 0.4595058410i & 1.9464979789i \end{pmatrix}$$

is an approximation to the matrix  $\tau$  representing the abelian surface  $\mathbf{C}^2/\Phi(\mathcal{O}_K)$ , where  $\Phi$  is a CM-type for  $K$ . We will work with a 50 digit approximation to  $\tau$ .

As shown in [24], the values  $j_i(\tau)$  are in fact integers. Hence, we only need one digit past the decimal place to recognize them and we take  $k = 1$  in Theorem 1.2. The matrix  $\tau$  already lies in the fundamental domain for  $\text{Sp}_4(\mathbf{Z}) \backslash \mathbf{H}_2$ , and we have  $\delta(\tau) \geq 1.66$ . Just as in the previous example, Lemma 6.2 does not apply directly. Using Remark 6.4, we compute  $c \approx -5.3 \cdot 10^{-12}$ , where we include all matrices of trace up to and including 5. The corresponding sum is roughly equal to  $9 \cdot 10^{-15}$  for  $\eta = 1.5, \varepsilon = 0.2, \gamma = 1.8$ . We conclude that we may take  $n = 12$  in Theorem 1.2.

Just as in Example 7.1, we bound  $|\chi_{12}(\tau)| \leq 3.1 \cdot 10^{-12}$ . We lose at most  $1 + 6 \cdot 12 - 5 \cdot 12 = 13$  digits of precision, and we need to know the evaluations of the four Siegel modular forms up to precision  $10^{-14}$ . The sum

$$\sum_{t=B}^{\infty} 18t^{18} \exp(-3.32\pi t)$$

is less than  $10^{-14}$  for  $B = 7$ . To get all matrices of trace at most 6, we take all matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix}$  satisfying  $4ac - b^2 \leq 9^2 = 36$ . We compute

$$j_1(\tau) = 6202728393749.9999\dots$$

which is accurate enough to derive  $j_1(\tau) = 6202728393750$ .

In this example, it turns out that we only needed to look at the matrices with  $4ac - b^2 \leq 6$ . The fact that our bound of 36 was much higher can be explained as follows. Firstly, our analysis for the precision loss is for a worst case scenario and we actually do not lose 14 digits of precision in this example. Secondly, we use the *same bound* for all the Fourier coefficients of the matrices of a given trace  $t$ , whereas these coefficients actually vary quite a lot.

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