

On the ring of Hilbert modular forms over \mathbf{Z}

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Introduction.

In the theory of elliptic modular forms, it is known that every modular form whose Fourier coefficients lie in \mathbf{Z} is represented as an isobaric polynomial in E_4, E_6, Δ with coefficients in \mathbf{Z} , where E_k is the normalized Eisenstein series of weight k and $\Delta = 2^{-6} \cdot 3^{-3}(E_4^3 - E_6^2)$. On the other hand, in his paper [7], J. Igusa gave a minimal set of generators over \mathbf{Z} of the graded ring of Siegel modular forms of degree two whose Fourier coefficients lie in \mathbf{Z} . Also, some related topics and problems on the finite generation of an algebra of modular forms were discussed by W. L. Baily, Jr. in his recent paper [2].

In this paper, we give analogous results for symmetric Hilbert modular forms for the real quadratic fields $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ and $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{5})$. Let K be a real quadratic field and $A_{\mathbf{Z}}(\Gamma_K)_k$ denote the \mathbf{Z} -module of symmetric Hilbert modular forms of even weight k with rational integral Fourier coefficients and we put $A_{\mathbf{Z}}(\Gamma_K) = \bigoplus A_{\mathbf{Z}}(\Gamma_K)_k$. Denote by G_k the normalized Eisenstein series for the Hilbert modular group $\Gamma_K = SL(2, \mathfrak{o}_K)$. In the case of $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{2})$, we put

$$\begin{aligned} H_4 &= 2^{-6} \cdot 3^{-2} \cdot 11(G_2^2 - G_4), \\ H_6 &= -2^{-8} \cdot 3^{-3} \cdot 13^{-1} \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 G_2^3 + 2^{-8} \cdot 3^{-2} \cdot 5^{-1} \cdot 13^{-1} \cdot 11 \cdot 59 G_2 G_4 \\ &\quad - 2^{-7} \cdot 3^{-3} \cdot 5^{-1} \cdot 13^{-1} \cdot 19^2 G_6. \end{aligned}$$

Our first main result can be stated as follows:

THEOREM 1. *The modular forms G_2, H_4, H_6 all have integral Fourier coefficients, namely, $G_2 \in A_{\mathbf{Z}}(\Gamma_K)_2$, $H_k \in A_{\mathbf{Z}}(\Gamma_K)_k$ ($k=4, 6$). Furthermore, the elements G_2, H_4, H_6 form a minimal set of generators of $A_{\mathbf{Z}}(\Gamma_K)$ over \mathbf{Z} .*

In the case of $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, we put

$$\begin{aligned} J_6 &= 2^{-5} \cdot 3^{-3} \cdot 5^{-2} \cdot 67(G_2^3 - G_6), \\ J_{10} &= 2^{-10} \cdot 3^{-5} \cdot 5^{-5} \cdot 7^{-1} (412751 G_{10} - 5 \cdot 67 \cdot 2293 G_2^2 G_6 + 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 4231 G_2^5), \\ J_{12} &= 2^{-2} (J_6^2 - G_2 J_{10}). \end{aligned}$$

The second main theorem is