

Quadratic Units and Congruences between Hilbert Modular Forms

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Introduction

Let F be a real quadratic field which has the totally positive fundamental unit. We put $F = \mathcal{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ with a positive square free integer m . We denote by $[1, \sqrt{m}]$ the order of F generated by 1 and \sqrt{m} over the ring of integers \mathcal{Z} . Let ε_m be the smallest unit of F such that $\varepsilon_m > 1$ and $\varepsilon_m \in [1, \sqrt{m}]$. We denote by K the number field generated by $\sqrt{-1}$ and $\sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}$ over the rational number field \mathcal{Q} and by E the elliptic curve over F defined by the Weierstrass equation;

$$y^2 = x^3 + 4\varepsilon_m x.$$

We can attach to K (resp. to E) Hilbert modular forms over F of weight one (resp. of weight two) in a natural way.

The aim of the present paper is to show that the “quartic residuacity” of ε_m provides congruences between these Hilbert modular forms. Further we calculate their Fourier coefficients and express the decomposition law between K and F by them.

§ 1. Hilbert modular forms

Let the notation be as in introduction. Denote by G the galois group of the normal extension K of \mathcal{Q} . Then G is of order 16 and is generated by the following three isomorphisms σ , φ and ρ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}) &= \sqrt{-1} \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}, & \sigma(\sqrt{-1}) &= \sqrt{-1}; \\ \varphi(\sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}) &= 1/\sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}, & \varphi(\sqrt{-1}) &= \sqrt{-1}; \\ \rho(\sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}) &= \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}, & \rho(\sqrt{-1}) &= -\sqrt{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that they satisfy the relation;

$$\sigma^4 = \varphi^2 = \rho^2 = 1, \quad \varphi\sigma\varphi = \rho\sigma\rho = \sigma^3, \quad \varphi\rho = \rho\varphi.$$

Now we shall explain how to attach to K Hilbert modular forms. For a subfield M of K , we denote by $G(M)$ the Galois group of K over M . Set $k = \mathcal{Q}(\sqrt{-m})$. Then we see

$$G(F) = \langle \sigma, \rho \rangle, \quad G(k) = \langle \sigma, \varphi\rho \rangle.$$

Therefore $G(F)$ is isomorphic to the dihedral group D_4 of order 8 and $G(k)$ is an abelian group. Let μ be the representation of $G(F)$ corresponding to the unique two-dimensional irreducible complex representation of D_4 . From now on we assume that

$$\mu(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu(\rho) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The induced representation of μ to G decomposes into two distinct irreducible representations ψ_0 and ψ_1 of dimension 2. Let χ_F be the linear representation of G whose kernel coincides with $G(F)$. Then

$$(1) \quad \psi_1 = \psi_0 \otimes \chi_F.$$

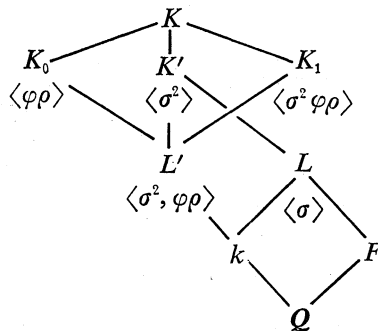
Let us assume that

$$\psi_0(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \psi_0(\rho) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \psi_0(\varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since $G(k)$ is abelian, the restriction ψ_i ($i=0, 1$) to $G(k)$ decomposes into two distinct linear representations ξ_i and ξ'_i . It is easy to see kernel of $\xi_i = \text{kernel of } \xi'_i$ for each i . Put

$$K' = \mathcal{Q}(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{\varepsilon_m}), \quad L = \mathcal{Q}(\sqrt{-1}, \sqrt{m}).$$

Let K_i be the field of invariants of the kernel of ξ_i . Let L' be the intersection of K_0 and K_1 . Then the following diagram is obtained.



Let us denote by the same notation ξ_i the ideal character of k induced by the representation ξ_i in view of Artin reciprocity law. Let f_i be the conductor of the abelian extension K_i/k . Then f_i coincides with the conductor of the character ξ_i and is self-conjugate. Further the support of f_i consists of all prime ideals of k lying over 2, if f_i is non-trivial. The above diagram shows

$$(2) \quad \text{neither } f_0 \text{ nor } f_1 \text{ is trivial} \iff K \text{ is ramified over } L.$$

For each i let $L(s, \psi_i)$ and $L(s, \xi_i)$ be the Artin L -function of ψ_i and Hecke L -function of ξ_i respectively. If ξ_i is ramified, then $L(s, \xi_i)$ coincides with the Hecke L -function of the primitive character associated with ξ_i . Therefore under the assumption ξ_i is ramified, we have

$$(3) \quad L(s, \psi_i) = L(s, \xi_i).$$

In the below we assume the following.

Hypothesis. *The field K is ramified over L .*

It is known that $L(s, \xi_i)$ is the Mellin transform of a cusp form $\theta_i(z)$ of the modular group of $\Gamma_0(|D(k/\mathcal{Q})|N_{k/\mathcal{Q}}(f_i))$ of weight one (of neben type), where $D(k/\mathcal{Q})$ denotes the discriminant of k over \mathcal{Q} . If we denote by χ the ideal character of k determined by the extension L over k , then by (1) we have $\xi_0 = \chi\xi_1$. Therefore in view of an analogy of *Doi-Naganuma correspondence* [2], we put

$$L(s, K) = L(s, \xi_0)L(s, \xi_1).$$

It is easily seen that

$$L(s, K) = L(s, \xi_0 \cdot N_{L/k}).$$

Therefore we write

$$L(s, K) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} L_{\mathfrak{p}}(s, K),$$

where the product is taken over all prime ideals of F not lying over 2 and

$$L_{\mathfrak{p}}(s, K) = \prod_{\mathfrak{P}|\mathfrak{p}} (1 - \xi_0 N_{L/k}(\mathfrak{P}) N_{L/\mathcal{Q}}(\mathfrak{P})^{-s})^{-1},$$

\mathfrak{P} : prime ideal of L

Let us write

$$(4) \quad L(s, K) = \sum_{\mathfrak{m}} a(\mathfrak{m}) N_{F/\mathcal{Q}}(\mathfrak{m})^{-s},$$

where the sum is taken over all integral ideals of F . Let h be the narrow

class number of F and let α_j ($j=1, 2, \dots, h$) be the integral ideals of F representing all narrow classes of F . We define h functions $g_j(z, z')$ on the direct product of two complex upper half planes \mathfrak{H} by

$$(5) \quad g_j(z, z') = \sum_{\substack{\xi \in \alpha_j \\ \xi \gg 0}} a(\xi \alpha_j^{-1}) \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}(\xi z + \xi^{\nu} z')),$$

where $\xi \gg 0$ means that ξ is totally positive. Since $L(s, K)$ is a L -function associated with the character $\xi_0 N_{L/k}$ of the totally imaginary quadratic extension L of F , $g_j(z, z')$ are Hilbert modular forms of weight one (cf. Sections 2 and 5 of [10]). Let E be the elliptic curve defined over F by the equation:

$$y^2 = x^3 + 4\varepsilon_m x.$$

If we denote by $c(m)$ the conductor of E , then $c(m)$ is always nontrivial and the support of $c(m)$ consists of all prime ideals of F lying over 2 (see Section 3 of this note). Denote by $L(s, E)$ the L -function of E over F . For a prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of F prime to 2, let $E_{\mathfrak{p}}$ the reduction of E defined over the residue field $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Let $N(\mathfrak{p})$ be the number of $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -rational points on $E_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and put

$$b(\mathfrak{p}) = N_{F/Q}(\mathfrak{p}) + 1 - N(\mathfrak{p}),$$

$$L_{\mathfrak{p}}(s, E) = (1 - b(\mathfrak{p})N_{F/Q}(\mathfrak{p})^{-s} + N_{F/Q}(\mathfrak{p})^{1-2s})^{-1}.$$

Then $L(s, E)$ has the following Euler product expansion:

$$L(s, E) = \prod_{(\mathfrak{p}, 2)=1} L_{\mathfrak{p}}(s, E).$$

Let us write

$$(6) \quad L(s, E) = \sum b(\mathfrak{m})N_{F/Q}(\mathfrak{m})^{-s},$$

where \mathfrak{m} runs over all integral ideals of F . We shall define h functions f_j ($j=1, \dots, h$) on $\mathfrak{H} \times \mathfrak{H}$ by

$$(7) \quad f_j(z, z') = \sum_{\substack{\xi \in \alpha_j \\ \xi \gg 0}} b(\xi \alpha_j^{-1}) \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}(\xi z + \xi^{\nu} z')).$$

Since E has complex multiplications, E determines a Grössen character ψ of L and $L(s, E)$ coincides with the L -function of the ideal character ψ^* of L associated with ψ ([1], [9]). If we denote by c^* the conductor of ψ^* , we see easily, by Section 1 of [9],

$$\psi^*((x)) = x \cdot x^{\nu} \quad \text{for } x \in L, x \equiv 1 \pmod{c^*}.$$

This shows $f_j(z, z')$ are Hilbert modular forms of weight 2. Further we know that c^* is associated with $c(m)$ in the following relation.

Lemma 1.

$$c(m) = N_{L/F}(c^*)D(L/F).$$

Proof. Let \tilde{c} be the conductor of E over L . Then Theorem 12 of [8] shows $c^{*2} = \tilde{c}$. Further by Corollary of Theorem 4 of [8] and Proposition 4 of Section 2, VI of [7], we see

$$\tilde{c} \cdot D(L/F) = c(m).$$

Thus we have

$$N_{L/F}(c^*)^2 D(L/F)^2 = c(m)^2. \qquad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Let $f^*(m)$ be the conductor of K over L . Put

$$f(m) = N_{L/F}(f^*(m))D(L/F).$$

Under the notation in Section 2 of [10], we may state our results for g_j and f_j more precisely. Thus using Lemma 1 we have

Proposition 1. *Let η_1 (resp. η_2) be the Hecke character of the idele group of F such that the associated ideal character η_1^* (resp. η_2^*) is given by*

$$\eta_1^* = \chi_{L/F} \circ \xi_0^2 \quad (\text{resp. } \eta_2^* = \chi_{L/F} \circ \psi^* \circ N_{F/\mathbb{Q}}^{-1}),$$

where $\chi_{L/F}$ denotes the ideal character of F attached to the extension L . Then, under the notation in [10], we obtain

$$(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in \mathfrak{M}_{(1,1)}(f(m), \eta_1),$$

$$(f_1, \dots, f_h) \in \mathfrak{M}_{(2,2)}(c(m), \eta_2).$$

Proof. See [10].

§ 2. Congruences

In this section we show a congruence between Hilbert modular forms $g_j(z, z')$ and $f_j(z, z')$. The way of argument is similar to that of our proof [4] for the congruence between cusp forms by quartic residue of rational integers. We preserve the notation and the hypothesis in Section 1. Let p be an odd prime number and \mathfrak{p} a prime ideal of F lying over p . For an integer α of F prime to \mathfrak{p} , we define the symbol (α/\mathfrak{p}) by

$$(\alpha/p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is square modulo } p, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let J be the automorphism of the reduction E_p defined by

$$(8) \quad J: (x, y) \mapsto (-x, Iy),$$

for any point (x, y) on E_p . Here the letter I denotes an element of algebraic closure of F_p such that $I^2 = -1$. For a positive integer i we denote by R_i the set of F_p -rational $(1+J)^i$ -division points on E_p . Easy calculation shows

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} R_2 = \{(x, 0) \mid x^3 + 4\bar{\varepsilon}_m x = 0, x \in F_p\} \cup \{\bar{0}\}, \\ R_3 \setminus R_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 - 4\bar{\varepsilon}_m = 0, y^2 = x^3 + 4\bar{\varepsilon}_m x, x, y \in F_p\}, \end{cases}$$

where $\bar{\varepsilon}_m$ denotes the residue class of $\varepsilon_m \pmod p$, $\bar{0}$ denotes the identity element of the group structure on E_p and $R_3 \setminus R_2$ means the set of elements of R_3 not belonging to R_2 . Denote by $S(p)$ the set of F_p -rational solutions of the equation $x^4 - \bar{\varepsilon}_m = 0$. Then we have

Lemma 2.

$$N(p) = |S(p)| + 3 + (-\varepsilon_m/p) + \omega(p) \pmod 8,$$

where

$$\omega(p) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } p \equiv 7 \pmod 8 \text{ and } (-1/p) = -1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. We define a mapping φ of $S(p)$ to $R_3 \setminus R_2$ by

$$\varphi: x \in S(p) \mapsto (2x^2, 4x^3).$$

It is easy to see φ is a bijection. Therefore we obtain by (9)

$$(10) \quad |R_3| = |S(p)| + 3 + (-\varepsilon_m/p).$$

To prove our assertion it is sufficient to show the congruence:

$$(11) \quad N(p) \equiv |R_3| + \omega(p) \pmod 8.$$

Assume $(-1/p) = -1$. Then we see $p \equiv 3 \pmod 4$ and $N_{F/Q}(p) = p$. Therefore we have, by (10),

$$N(p) = p + 1, \quad |R_3| = 4.$$

This shows (11). Let $(-1/p) = 1$. Then the automorphism J is F_p -rational.

Denote by R the group of F_p -rational points on E_p and by R_+ the 2-primary subgroup of R . Let R_- be the subgroup of R consisting of all elements of odd order. Then R has a following direct decomposition;

$$R = R_+ \oplus R_-.$$

Since J is F_p -rational, J operates on R_+ and R_- respectively. Let U be the cyclic group of order 4 generated by J . For any $x \in R$ we denote by $U(x)$ the U -orbit of x . We see easily

$$(12) \quad |U(x)| = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in R_1, \\ 2 & \text{if } x \in R_2 \setminus R_1, \\ 4 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This shows especially

$$R_3 \setminus R_2 \text{ is non-empty} \Leftrightarrow |R_3| = 8.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$|R_+| \equiv |R_3| \pmod{8}.$$

Since $|R_3|$ is even and $|R_-| \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ (by (12)), we see

$$N(\mathfrak{p}) = |R_+| \cdot |R_-| \equiv |R_3| \pmod{8}.$$

This establishes (11).

Q.E.D.

Proposition 2. *Let the notation be as above. Then we have the following congruence;*

$$b(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv a(\mathfrak{p}) + \gamma(\mathfrak{p}) \pmod{8},$$

where

$$\gamma(\mathfrak{p}) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \text{ and } p \text{ is not inert in } F, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let σ_p be a Frobenius substitution of \mathfrak{p} in the extension K/F and ν the character of μ . Let δ be the character of $G(F)$ induced by the identity character of $G(F(\sqrt[4]{\epsilon_m}))$. Then it is known that

$$|S(\mathfrak{p})| = \delta(\sigma_p).$$

Since $a(\mathfrak{p}) = \nu(\sigma_p)$, by decomposing δ to the sum of irreducible characters of $G(F)$, we have

$$(13) \quad |S(p)| = 1 + (\varepsilon_m/p) + \nu(\sigma_p) = 1 + (\varepsilon_m/p) + a(p).$$

By the definition of $b(p)$, Lemma 2 and (13), we obtain

$$b(p) \equiv N_{F/Q}(p) - (\varepsilon_m/p) - (-\varepsilon_m/p) + \omega(p) - a(p) - 3 \pmod{8}.$$

From the regular character of $G(F)$ we deduce the congruence:

$$1 + 2a(p) + (-1/p) + (-\varepsilon_m/p) + (\varepsilon_m/p) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}.$$

Therefore we have

$$b(p) \equiv a(p) + (-1/p) + N_{F/Q}(p) + \omega(p) - 2 \pmod{8}.$$

By the way, easy argument shows

$$(-1/p) + N_{F/Q}(p) + \omega(p) - 2 \equiv \gamma(p) \pmod{8}.$$

Use the following facts:

If $(-1/p) = -1$, then $N_{F/Q}(p) = p$ and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

If $(-1/p) = 1$ and p is not inert in F , then $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Q.E.D.

Corollary. *For any integral ideal m of F prime to 2, we have*

$$a(m) \equiv b(m) \pmod{4}.$$

Proof. By the definition, we may write

$$L_p(s, K) = \{1 - a(p)N_{F/Q}(p)^{-s} + \chi_{L/F}(p)N_{F/Q}(p)^{-2s}\}^{-1}.$$

Comparing $L_p(s, K)$ with $L_p(s, E)$, we have only to prove the congruence:

$$\chi_{L/F}(p) \equiv N_{F/Q}(p) \pmod{4}.$$

But this is easily obtained. Q.E.D.

This Corollary shows

Theorem 1. *Let the notation and hypothesis be as above. Then for every j , we obtain*

$$g_j(z, z') \equiv f_j(z, z') \pmod{4}.$$

§ 3. Conductors

In this section we calculate the conductor $c(m)$ of the elliptic curve E (=level of Hilbert modular forms $f_j(z, z')$) and level $f(m)$ of Hilbert

modular forms $g_j(z, z')$. Further we determine the condition of ε_m to satisfy our hypothesis. Put

$$\varepsilon_m = A + B\sqrt{m}, \quad \text{with } A, B \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then it is easy to see that A and B satisfy the following congruences.

$$\begin{cases} A \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}, B \equiv 0 \pmod{4} & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ A \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}, B \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \text{ or } A \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, B: \text{ odd} & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ A \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{4}, B: \text{ even} & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

By the algorithm of Tate [11], the conductors $c(m)$ is given in the following Proposition.

Proposition 3. *Let $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Then*

$$c(m) = \begin{cases} 2^5 & \text{if } A \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ 2^6 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then

$$c(m) = \begin{cases} 2^3 & \text{if } A \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ 2^4 & \text{if } A \equiv -1 \pmod{8}, \\ 2^6 & \text{if } A \equiv 2 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Let $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Then

$$c(m) = \begin{cases} 2^4 & \text{if } B \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ q^5 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where q is the prime ideal of F lying over 2.

Next we determine the condition that K is ramified over L in the following Proposition.

Proposition 4.

$$K \text{ is unramified over } L \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, B \equiv 0 \pmod{8} & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ A \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, B \equiv 0 \pmod{4} & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ B \equiv 0 \pmod{4} & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By (2) we see

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_0 \text{ or } \xi_1 \text{ is unramified} &\Leftrightarrow K \text{ is unramified over } L \\ &\Leftrightarrow L' \text{ is unramified over } k. \end{aligned}$$

Let us write

$$A+1=2^\varepsilon f_0 u^2, \quad A-1=2^\varepsilon e_0 v^2.$$

Here f_0, e_0, u, v are positive integers such that f_0 and e_0 are square free and $(f_0 u, e_0 v)=1$. Further

$$\varepsilon = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A \text{ is even,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Put $f=2^{-\varepsilon+1}f_0$ and $e=2^{-\varepsilon+1}e_0$. Then we know $L'=\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{f}, \sqrt{-e})$ (see [2]). Therefore it follows

$$L' \text{ is unramified over } k \Leftrightarrow 2 \text{ is unramified at } \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{f}) \text{ or at } \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-e}) \Leftrightarrow A \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}, B \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

Now we shall recall the definition of “quadratic defect”. Let \mathfrak{F} be a number field which is normal over \mathbf{Q} and \mathfrak{P} a prime ideal of \mathfrak{F} lying over 2. We denote by $e_{\mathfrak{P}}$ the ramification exponent of \mathfrak{P} . Let δ be the completion of the ring of integers of \mathfrak{F} at \mathfrak{P} and take a prime element π of δ . For an integer α of F prime to 2, we denote by $S_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha)$ the maximal positive integer t such that α is congruent to a square of an element of $\delta \pmod{\pi^t}$. The ideal $\mathfrak{P}^{S_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha)}$ is called the quadratic defect of α at \mathfrak{P} . Assume that the field $\mathfrak{F}(\sqrt{\alpha})$ is normal over \mathbf{Q} . Then the integer $S_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha)$ is independent of the choice of \mathfrak{P} and π . Therefore we can put $S_{\mathfrak{P}}(\alpha)=S_{\mathfrak{F}}(\alpha)$. By Section 63: 3 of [6], we see

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{every prime ideal of } \mathfrak{F} \text{ lying over } 2 \text{ is ramified at } \mathfrak{F}(\sqrt{\alpha}) \\ & \Leftrightarrow S_{\mathfrak{F}}(\alpha) < 2e_{\mathfrak{F}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hereafter we may assume that $A \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ and $B \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. Let us put $\mathfrak{F}=L$ and $\alpha=\varepsilon_m$ in the above notation. Since $\varepsilon_m \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{4}$, we have that $S_L(\varepsilon_m) \geq 2e_L$. Thus K' is unramified over L . Next let $\mathfrak{F}=K'$ and $\alpha=\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}$. Then $\mathfrak{F}(\sqrt{\alpha})=K$. Since K' is unramified over L , we can choose \mathfrak{P} such that a prime element π of δ is given by

$$\pi = \begin{cases} 1 + \sqrt{-1} & \text{if } e_{K'}=2 \ (\Leftrightarrow m \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}), \\ 1 - \sqrt{m}/(1 + \sqrt{-1}) & \text{if } e_{K'}=4 \ (\Leftrightarrow m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}). \end{cases}$$

Let $m \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ and $A \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$. Since

$$\varepsilon_m \equiv (1 - \pi)^2 \pmod{4},$$

we see easily

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_m} \equiv 1 - \pi \pmod{\pi^2}.$$

This shows that $S_{K'}(\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}) = 1$ and K is ramified over K' .

Let $m \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ and $A \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. Then we can write

$$(14) \quad \sqrt{\varepsilon_m} = 1 + \beta\pi^2 + \gamma\pi^3, \quad \sqrt{m} = 1 + \delta\pi + \eta\pi^2,$$

where β is a unit of \hat{o} or 0, $\gamma, \eta \in \hat{o}$ and

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Put $b = B/4$. Then we have by (14)

$$\varepsilon_m \equiv 1 + (\beta + \beta^2)\pi^4 + (\gamma - \beta)\pi^5 \equiv 1 + b\pi^4\sqrt{m} \pmod{\pi^6}.$$

Thus

$$\beta + \beta^2 + (\gamma - \beta)\pi \equiv b\sqrt{m} \pmod{\pi^2}.$$

This shows

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_m} \equiv (1 + \beta\pi)^2 + b\sqrt{m}\pi^2 \pmod{\pi^4}.$$

If b is even, then $S_{K'}(\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}) \geq 4$. Let b be odd. Then by (14)

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_m} \equiv (1 + (1 + \beta)\pi)^2 + (1 + \delta)\pi^3 \pmod{\pi^4}.$$

From this it follows

$$S_{K'}(\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}) \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}.$$

Therefore we have our assertions for the cases $m \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$. Let $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Then we see easily

$$2 \equiv \pi^4 - \pi^6 \pmod{\pi^8}, \quad \sqrt{m} \equiv \pi^2 - \pi^3 \pmod{\pi^4}.$$

Put $\alpha = 1$ or $\sqrt{-1}$ according to $A \equiv 1$ or $-1 \pmod{8}$. Then it is noted that α is a square mod π^8 . Let us write

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon_m} = \alpha + \beta\pi^4 + \gamma\pi^5 + \delta\pi^6 + \eta\pi^7,$$

where β, γ, δ are 0 or units of \hat{o} and $\eta \in \hat{o}$. From this

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_m &\equiv \alpha^2 + (\beta^2 + \alpha\beta)\pi^3 + \alpha\gamma\pi^3 + (\gamma^2 - \alpha\beta + \alpha\delta)\pi^{10} + (-\alpha\gamma + \alpha\eta)\pi^{11} \\ &\equiv \alpha^2 + B\sqrt{m} \pmod{\pi^{12}}. \end{aligned}$$

Put $b = B/4$. Then it follows

$$\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma\pi + (\gamma^2 - \alpha\beta + \alpha\delta)\pi^2 + (-\alpha\gamma + \alpha\eta)\pi^3 \equiv b\sqrt{m} \pmod{\pi^4}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\sqrt{\varepsilon_m} &\equiv (\alpha + \beta\pi^2 + \gamma\pi^3)^2 + b\sqrt{m}\pi^4 \\ &\equiv (\alpha + \beta\pi^2 + (\gamma + b)\pi^3)^2 \pmod{\pi^8}. \end{aligned}$$

Since α is square mod π^8 , $S_{K'}(\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}) \geq 8$.

Q.E.D.

Proposition 5. *Let the notation be as in Section 1. Then our hypothesis is satisfied with the integers m of the following types:*

- $m = p$ (p : prime, $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$),
- $m = qq'$ (q, q' : primes, $q \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$, $q' \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $(q/q') = -1$),
- $m = 2q$ (q : prime, $q \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$).

Further for these m the levels $c(m)$ and $f(m)$ of Hilbert modular forms in Proposition 1 are given by

$$c(m) = f(m) = \begin{cases} 2^4 & \text{if } m = 2q, \\ 2^6 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let m be one of the integers given as above. Put

$$\varepsilon_m = A + B\sqrt{m}.$$

Then by ‘‘infinite decent’’ of Fermat, we know the followings. If $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $A \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$. If $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then A is even. If $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $A \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and $B \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Hence our first assertions follow from Proposition 4. (For details see [3] and [5].) By the results obtained in [3] and [5], we know

$$f^*(m) = \begin{cases} (8) & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ (4) & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 2q^2 & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \end{cases}$$

where q is the prime ideal of L lying over 2. Since

$$D(L/F) = \begin{cases} (1) & \text{if } m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ (4) & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ (2) & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \end{cases}$$

the definition of $f(m)$ and Proposition 3 show our last statements. Q.E.D.

§ 4. Fourier coefficients and decomposition law

In this section we discuss the relation between the decomposition in K of the prime ideals \mathfrak{p} of F and the \mathfrak{p} -th Fourier coefficients $a(\mathfrak{p})$ and $b(\mathfrak{p})$. Firstly we have the following.

Theorem 2. *Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of F prime to 2. Then we have the following equivalences:*

$$\begin{aligned} a(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0 &\Leftrightarrow a(\mathfrak{p}) = \pm 2 \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{p} \text{ splits completely in } K', \\ a(\mathfrak{p}) = 2 &\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{p} \text{ splits completely in } K. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By the definition of μ , we know

$$\nu(\sigma_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } \sigma_{\mathfrak{p}} = 1 \\ -2 & \text{if } \sigma_{\mathfrak{p}} = \sigma^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since $G(K') = \langle \sigma^2 \rangle$ and $a(\mathfrak{p}) = \nu(\sigma_{\mathfrak{p}})$ we have our assertions. Q.E.D.

Corollary. *Let $\gamma(\mathfrak{p})$ be the symbol defined in Proposition 2. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} b(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{8} &\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{p} \text{ splits completely in } K', \\ b(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv 2 + \gamma(\mathfrak{p}) \pmod{8} &\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{p} \text{ splits completely in } K. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. This is deduced from Theorem 2 and Proposition 2. Q.E.D.

Let $(\varepsilon_m/\mathfrak{p})_4$ be the fourth power residue symbol of ε_m modulo \mathfrak{p} . Then

Proposition 6. *Let \mathfrak{p} be a prime ideal of F such that $a(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0$. Then*

$$a(\mathfrak{p}) = 2(\varepsilon_m/\mathfrak{p})_4.$$

Proof. By Theorem 2 our assumption $a(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0$ implies $(\varepsilon_m/\mathfrak{p}) = 1$ and $(-1/\mathfrak{p}) = 1$. Thus

$$(\varepsilon_m/\mathfrak{p})_4 = 1 \text{ (resp. } -1) \Leftrightarrow |S(\mathfrak{p})| = 4 \text{ (resp. } 0).$$

By (13) we obtain

$$|S(\mathfrak{p})| = 2 + a(\mathfrak{p}).$$

This shows our assertions. Q.E.D.

Proposition 7. *Let p be an odd prime number which is inert in F and \mathfrak{p} the unique prime ideal of F lying over p . Then $a(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0$. Further denote*

by $T(m)$ the positive square free part of the trace of $1 + \varepsilon_m$. Then we have

$$a(p) = -2 \Leftrightarrow (-1/p) = (T(m)/p) = -1.$$

Proof. The first assertion is deduced from that the group $G(K'/\mathbf{Q})$ is an abelian group of type $(2, 2, 2)$ and from Theorem 2. Denote by C_p the conjugate class of Frobenius substitution of p in G . Then it is easy to see

$$a(p) = -2 \Leftrightarrow C_p = \{\sigma\varphi\rho, \sigma^3\varphi\rho\} \Leftrightarrow p \text{ splits completely in } L^*,$$

where L^* is the field of invariants of the group $\langle \sigma\varphi\rho \rangle$. Since $L^* = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-m}, \sqrt{-T(m)})$, we have second assertion. Q.E.D.

In the reminder of this section we consider the case m is a prime number q . We give an explicit expression of $a(p)$ for the prime p not inert in F .

Theorem 3. *Let p be odd prime number which is not inert in F and p a prime ideal of F dividing p . Let h be the class number of k . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} a(p) \neq 0 &\Leftrightarrow \text{there exists uniquely determined integers} \\ &a \text{ and } b \text{ such that } a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, (a, p) = 1, b > 0 \text{ and} \\ &p^{3h} = a^2 + 16qb^2. \end{aligned}$$

Further in this case we see

$$a(p) = 2(-1)^b.$$

Proof. This is proved by determining the class groups in k corresponding to K and K' . See [3] and [5] for details. Q.E.D.

Furthermore if p is split in F , we have other expression.

Theorem 4. *Let p be an odd prime number which is split in F . Then we have*

$$a(p) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}.$$

In this case p has a following representation in the binary quadratic form:

$$p = \begin{cases} x^2 + 8y^2 & (x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, y > 0) & \text{if } q \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, \\ x^2 - 8y^2 & (x > 0, y > 0) & \text{if } q \equiv 7 \pmod{8}, \end{cases}$$

where x and y are uniquely determined integers prime to p . Let r be an

integer such that

$$r^2 \equiv (-1)^{(1/4)(q+1)} 2 \pmod{q}.$$

Then we have

$$a(p) = 2(-1)^{(p-1)/8} \left(\frac{x+2ry}{q} \right).$$

Proof. Our statement follows from Proposition 6 and from the results in [3] and [5]. Q.E.D.

Remark. Let $\theta_i(z)$ ($i=0, 1$) be the cusp forms of weight one defined in Section 1. Then the decomposition law of the extension K/\mathbf{Q} is also expressed in Fourier coefficients of the form $\theta_0(z) + \theta_1(z)$. For details we refer to [3].

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